

COMMENT OF THE DAY

Invitation

MLANIEL'S overtures to the Vietnamese to make a reasonable offer that would lead to a cease-fire in Indo-China does not come as a complete surprise. Quite a few hints of a similar nature have been made publicly in Paris during recent months, but the importance of M. Laniel's speech to the French Assembly is that the proposal becomes invested with authority. From the purely military viewpoint the French Premier possesses fairly good reasons for expecting a favourable reaction from the Vietnamese. As in Korea, the fighting in Indo-China has become stalemated. The rebels are in no position to mount an offensive that could bring them a decisive victory in the field and likewise the French Union forces have to restrict themselves to sporadic assaults designed chiefly to consolidate existing positions. Neither side, therefore, can at the moment demand or expect unconditional capitulation. On the other hand it is conceivable that the Vietnamese rebels view the situation in a completely different light: that it suits their purpose to pursue indefinitely an indecisive military campaign. A fundamental aim of all insurgent movements is to cause disruption, chaos, anxiety and fear. In maintaining the conflict in Indo-China even on the present limited lines, the Communist-led rebels are to some degree achieving this.

WHAT may appeal to the Vietnamese is that M. Laniel proposes merely a simple cease-fire. There are no strings attached; no suggestion that either side has been forced by military necessity to seek a truce. The French Premier's attitude is that common sense should dictate a cease-fire. He acknowledges that the future of Indo-China is but one of several Far East problems and that fruitless warfare can contribute nothing towards the solution of those problems. There is also the further recognition that China is just as much interested in what happens in Indo-China as she is in what happens in Korea, and that eventually international discussions on these various Far East issues must take place unless the Communists are determined to attempt world conquest by force of arms. Few will deny that a simple cease-fire on the lines advocated by M. Laniel possesses merits. But whether the Vietnamese rebels are prepared to admit those merits and favourably react to the French Premier's gesture is another matter. The invitation has been extended and even they should be able to realise that by accepting it they have nothing to lose, and possibly something to gain.



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CRISIS

Premier Sees President

DEADLOCKED ASSEMBLY

Paris, Nov. 25.

Premier Joseph Laniel woke President Vincent Auriol at 2 o'clock this morning in an attempt to find a way out of the deadlock in the National Assembly over the European Army treaty.

Shortly afterwards the full Cabinet proceeded to a meeting of the Council of Ministers under the chairmanship of President Auriol.

Faced with the impossibility, after nine hours of discussions between party leaders, of finding an agreed form of words to express the attitude of the Assembly to the European Army treaty, Premier Laniel decided to invite his Ministers to authorise him to put a motion of confidence of a resolution to be drawn up by the Government.

This means, in case of defeat of the Government

(1) That there would be a Cabinet crisis, and (2) That under the Constitution the way would be clear for a dissolution of Parliament and new general elections.—Reuter.

RESOLUTIONS

Paris, Nov. 24. When the French National Assembly reconvened tonight for the crucial debate on the European Defence Community, M. Alfred Coste-Floret, representing the MRP (Christian Democrats) announced that his party was withdrawing its foreign policy motion in favour of the Socialist motion, which also approves the European Defence Community under certain conditions.

Another resolution, supporting the statements of the Premier, M. Joseph Laniel, was also introduced by M. Joseph Denais, Republican member of the Assembly.

Later, an independent Republican, M. Jean Louis Vigier, introduced a resolution asking the government to bring in legislation limiting the duration of the National Assembly's powers to January 3, 1954. This move was recommended, Vigier stated, because no sufficiently broad parliamentary majority could be obtained under present conditions to define and support a French foreign policy.

STATEMENT APPROVED
A group of National Assemblymen, representing the Peasant Party, also introduced a resolution asking the government to hold as far-reaching international negotiations as possible on the basis of M. Laniel's statement in the Assembly earlier today.

The resolution expressed satisfaction with the Premier's statement and it approved his support

of the European Defence Community under the conditions set forth by him—ratification of additional protocols to the Defence Community Treaty, prior Franco-German agreement on the Saar question, British participation in common Western defence institutions and the safeguarding of the integrity of the French Union.—France-Press.

TORY MPs IN MINOR REVOLT

London, Nov. 24. Several Conservative backbenchers in the House of Commons staged a minor revolt against Sir Winston Churchill today on the subject of soldiers' and officers' pensions for World War I.

They had the support of almost the whole of the Labour Party, and Sir Winston was taken somewhat by surprise by the strength of the backbenchers against the government's decision, not to increase these pensions.

He said that he recognised the hardships involved, particularly as officers' pensions granted in 1919 had not been altered since 1935, when they were reduced as part of the economy drive of the day. However, Sir Winston said that he could not raise the officers' pensions without raising those of the high-ranking civil servants, who were also the victims of the increased cost of living.

His statement that after much consideration, "it would not be possible to treat this problem as a special case at a time when so many demands are pressing" created an uproar on all sides of the House.

Conservative and Labour members alike felt that something should be done in view of the small amount involved (£200,000 a year) for 300 officers.—France-Press.

McCarthy Invents A New Word

New York, Nov. 25. Senator Joseph McCarthy (Republican, Wisconsin) last night invented the word "Trumanism" to define what he called "the placing of your political party above the interest of the country."—Reuter.

Murder Drama In South Wales



The search for a farmer and his wife who had been missing for several weeks ended last week when the bodies of John and Phoebe Harries, who had been murdered, were found in a shallow grave eight miles from Llanidloes. Top picture shows the murdered couple. Centre, hundreds of farmers who helped in the search being briefed by the police. Above, Harry Harries (left) and a friend set off with their car to search a nearby river.—Daily Express photos.

Troops' Entertainment: House Of Commons Plea

London, Nov. 24. Miss Elaine Burton, a Labour Member of Parliament, suggested today that the War Office should reserve places of entertainment in Tokyo for British soldiers serving in Korea to go to when on leave.

She said the British rates of pay were "considerably below" that of other members and they could not take full advantage of leave in Japan.

Mr Anthony Head, Minister of War, said he had examined the suggestion with sympathy. He well knew the differing rates of pay, but the cost of living in Tokyo had been overfully gone into. "Our men should be able to afford, and do indeed take, a good leave in Japan," he added.

As for places of entertainment, he said he thought Miss Burton might have night clubs

Censure Motion Approved

New York, Nov. 24. The United Nations Security Council tonight approved by nine votes to nothing, with two abstentions, the Western powers' resolution calling for the "strongest censure" of Israel for the attack on the Jordan village of Qibya on October 14.

Lebanon and the Soviet Union abstained. Just before the vote the three Western Powers—Britain, France and the United States—inserted a new provision into their resolution.

This provided that when Major-General Vagn Bennike, Chief of Staff of the Truce Supervision Organisation, reported back within three months on the compliance with an enforcement of the general armistice agreement, he take into account "any agreement reached in pursuance of the request by the Government of Israel for the convocation of a conference under Article 12 of the general armistice agreement between Israel and Jordan."

INCONSISTENT
In passing the resolution the Council found that "the retaliatory action at Qibya taken by armed forces of Israel... and all such actions constitute a violation of the cease-fire provisions of the Security Council resolution of July 15, 1948, and are inconsistent with the parties' obligations under the general armistice agreement and the Charter."

The Council found that the Qibya action could only prejudice the chances of a peaceful settlement between the two countries and called upon Israel to take effective measures to prevent all such actions in the future.

Jordan was requested to continue to strengthen the measures which she was already undertaking to prevent unauthorized crossings into Israel.

The Secretary-General was asked to consider with General Bennike ways of strengthening the Truce Supervision Organisation.

The additional reference in the resolution to the convocation of a conference took note of the action by Israel yesterday in invoking Article 12 of the armistice agreement, under which direct talks were mandatory when called for by one party.—Reuter.

DISQUALIFIED

Khartoum, Nov. 24. Abdullah Adam, National Union candidate for Rumbek, in the Southern Sudan, was today disqualified from contesting the elections and fined 100 Egyptian pounds (£102 10/-) by a major court under the Corrupt Practices Order.

Early this month Adam was warned against excessive hospitality to voters. But he ignored the warning and police found 48 gallons of beer in his home.—Reuter.

Chinese & Korean Reds Reach A New Agreement

Tokyo, Nov. 25.

Communist China announced today it has reached "unanimous agreement" with North Korea on the settlement of the entire Korean question. But the announcement did not reveal what the agreement provided other than to say the Communists would "not be shaken by any force of reaction."

Peking radio broadcast a dispatch from the Communist newspaper, Peking People's Daily. It said the Korean problem was discussed at a recent 10-day meeting which led to a 10-year economic pact between the two Communist governments.

Peking said China and North Korea "exchanged views first of all on the convening of the political conference to seek a peaceful settlement of the Korean question."

Although the Communist announcement was sketchy at best, observers here interpreted it as meaning that the two Communist governments would strongly oppose neutral unification of Korea as proposed by the United Nations.

Top Communist Chinese and North Korean leaders held a banquet in Peking last night to celebrate the signing of the 10-year economic and cultural agreement.—United Press.

TWO PROBLEMS

Panmunjom, Nov. 23. The Allies must solve two difficult problems, authoritative Western sources said today, before they can attempt to win back UN prisoners, including 22 Americans who have chosen Communism to freedom.

There were no interviews with the unrepentant anti-Communist and pro-Communist prisoners on Tuesday. The UN Command said there will be no prisoner interviews on Thursday.

The Korean peace conference arrangements negotiations also were bogged down again yesterday, and while there is a meeting scheduled for 11 a.m. today, Western observers said there was little hope of progress.

The interview programme with unrepentant prisoners was blocked by Communist demands to interview the bulk of North Korean and Chinese anti-Communist prisoners. One of the Allies problems is based on a commission ground rule to which the Communists also object, the Western sources said. The Reds want to interview part of a compound of anti-Communist POWs if necessary on a given day. This permits the Reds to prolong the individual talks to prisoners.

The United Nations also wants to break up the prisoner compound groups. The agreement provides that the Allies can send only five officers to interviews aimed at winning back the 22 Americans, a Briton

New Threat To London

London, Nov. 24.

London, the world's largest city, free of smog for several days, today faced another threat as a plague of flies—of the Collopa frigida variety—were advancing on the capital at a speed of about eight miles a week.

This was claimed by Mr Howard Johnson, MP in the House of Commons today.

Mr Johnson said that the flies, millions strong, were now infesting the seaweed-covered beaches of southern England and he suggested that the Army should be called in to clean up the seaweed.

The War Minister, Mr Anthony Head, replied that it was highly probable that the fly-infested seaweed would be swept out to sea with the next gales.—France-Press.

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27 Japanese Generals In Soviet Prison Camp Seen In Red Cross Visit

Moscow, Nov. 24.

A Japanese Red Cross delegation today talked with 27 Japanese generals in a Soviet prison camp, among them Commander of the Japanese Manchurian Army which surrendered to the Russians at the end of the war.

Yamada, who is serving a 25-year sentence for war crimes, was described by the delegation as in good health. With Yamada were 26 generals, six senior officers below the rank of general and five soldiers.

They included General Jun Ushirogu and Lieutenant-General Masatake Shima. The Japanese delegation, led by Tadatsugu Shimizu, President of the Japanese Red Cross Society, visited the prisoners after a 12-hour journey from Moscow.

A delegation spokesman quoted General Yamada as saying "we are in good condition and in good health. We want only more gift parcels from Japan."

General Ushirogu said "we want more books to read and I wish the Japanese Red Cross could arrange it for us."

The camp which the delegation visited today was 20 miles from Ivanovo, a textile town 250 miles northeast of Moscow.

The Japanese prisoners were accommodated in a red wooden building where they slept four to each room.

The trip was arranged by the Russians after a delegation had negotiated the release of 1,274 Japanese from the Soviet Union.

LONG SENTENCES
The 38 Japanese they saw today are all serving long sentences, namely 25 years, for war crimes and will not be freed until they have completed their sentence.

The delegates were given all facilities and spent all day with the Japanese detainees.

The whereabouts of General Yamada and other top-ranking Japanese prisoners was unknown until today's visit.

Mr. Tadano Kudo, Director of Foreign Affairs of the Japanese Red Cross, said: "We saw they were in good health and they said they were well treated. We were also gratified to have been given the opportunity to visit the

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Time To Think It Over

Copenhagen, Nov. 24.
An army recruit who went to bed with his boots on was today confined to barracks for 12 days.

Malan Apartheid Policy Attributed To Fear

New York, Nov. 24.

Mr R. Dayal of India told the Special Political Committee of the United Nations General Assembly today that fear was the basic cause behind the racial policy followed by the Union of South Africa.

MALAYAN CHINESE WARNED

Singapore, Nov. 24.

The Assistant Colonial Secretary, Mr J. D. Higham, today issued a warning that serious action would be taken against any Malayan, who left Malaya to attend the forthcoming "All China People's Congress" in Peking.

Mr Higham voiced this warning in a comment on reports that five seats had been reserved for Malayan Chinese delegates at this congress, the largest of its kind since the present regime in China assumed control.

Mr Higham said that those who went would obviously not openly declare their intentions, "but we have our own ways of finding out."

Singapore's political police chief, Mr A. E. G. Blades, also warned that persons proceeding to Peking for political purposes would be dealt with under the colony's emergency regulations. These rules would also apply to those holding British passports, he said. People without British passports would be forbidden to re-enter Malaya, Mr Blades declared.—France-Press.

Wanted The Proof?

Pinville, West Virginia, Nov. 24.

Leroy Shadrick, brother of the first United States soldier killed in Korea, asked the Government today to pay him \$10,000 for discharging him "illegally from the Army."

Shadrick, 29, said that he was honorably discharged just February, but was released without a medical examination although a lunacy commission at Beckley had found him insane only two months before.

The former soldier, who enlisted in 1961 vowing he would make the Communists pay for the death of his brother, Kenneth, said that he had written West Virginia Senators asking them to introduce a claims bill in Congress on his behalf.—United Press.

IT'S AN ILL WIND—

New York, Nov. 24.

Professional stamp collector, Kellogg Stryker, believes he may have stumbled on a philatelist's dream because of a gust of wind.

The breeze accidentally blew some 51 stamps bearing Woodrow Wilson's picture into a pan of water. The dampening disclosed that the stamps were printed on paper marked "USIR" from the United States Internal Revenue Bureau.

Mr Stryker has since discovered that a rare series of the stamps were printed on the Revenue Bureau's paper and the 401 which he has may be worth as much as \$100,000.—United Press.

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Adlai Stevenson Condemns Republican Action

Degrading Assault On Mr Truman In Dexter White Case

Georgiana, Atlanta, Nov. 24.

Mr Adlai Stevenson, the Democratic Party standard bearer, said today that the Republicans had "humiliated" the nation before the world by "waving . . . the red shirt" of the Harry Dexter White case in a "degrading assault on President Truman."

"It was by this identical tactic of smearing the Democratic Party as the party of disloyalty that the Republican Party kept itself in power for a generation after the civil war," Mr Stevenson told a joint session of the Georgia Legislature.

BRITAIN'S BATTLE OF THE EXPORT

Bolton, Nov. 24.

Mr R. A. Butler, Chancellor of the Exchequer, tonight warned British industry that efficiency, production and salesmanship have become "crucial factors" in Britain's battle of the export.

"We are once again competing against old rivals in trade," Mr Butler told a meeting in this town in the heart of Britain's cotton industry.

"It is becoming more and more important that we should make goods at low prices and with short delivery dates."

The Chancellor said that Britain's trading account with the outside world was balanced and the nation's gold and dollar reserves were rising.

He warned the cotton industry that if its recovery from the slump of a few months ago was not matched by a corresponding gain in the export markets, "the cotton industry will cease to be an export and become a local industry."

Vietminh Reds' Threat

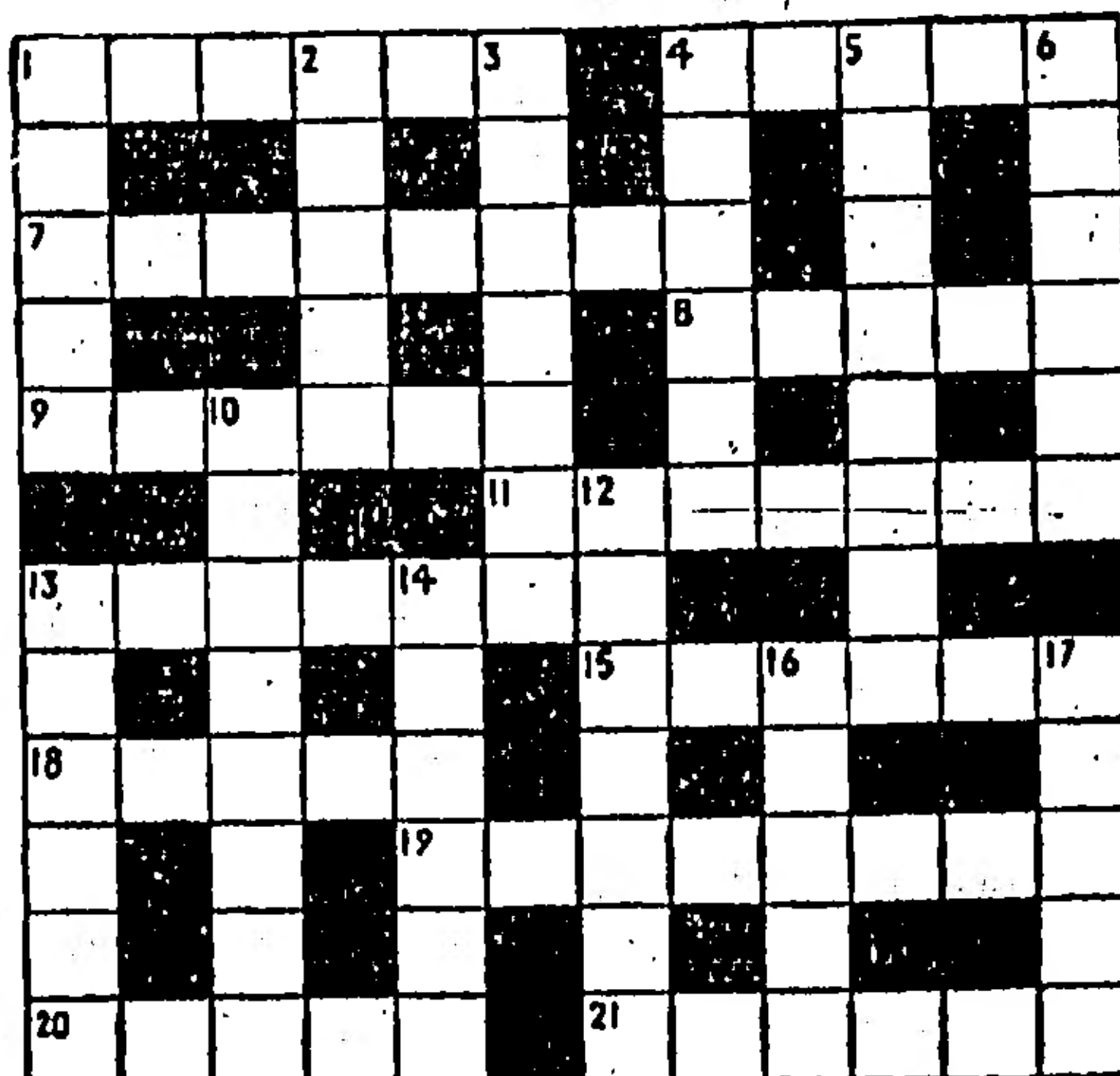
Singapore, Nov. 24.

Angry Singapore Buddhists will hold a mass meeting shortly to protest against the reported order of the Vietminh Communists to their followers here to burn the pagodas and hunt down the monks in their first open attack on the Buddhist religion.

The spokesman of the Buddhist Federation and the Singapore Buddhist Association said the Vietminh attack was not only sacrilegious but "unjust and unprovoked."

The prominent Buddhist, Ang Kine-tang, said here today: "If the Vietminh Communists carry out their threat, they will be doing their greatest disservice to humanity."—France-Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- Restaurant attendant (6).
 - Antic (5).
 - Animal (8).
 - Bore (5).
 - Respectable (6).
 - Values highly (7).
 - Fruit course (7).
 - Indifference (6).
 - Acknowledge (5).
 - Closely acquainted (8).
 - Military operation (5).
 - Evaded (6).
- DOWN**
- District of Southern England (5).
 - Subject (5).
 - Fowl (7).
 - Believe (6).
 - Contrite (6).
 - Plunders (6).
 - Material (8).
 - Began (7).
 - Reinforcements (6).
 - Complete (6).
 - Equipped (5).
 - Produce (5).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1. Anla, 4. Rivalry, 8. Malm, 9. Crub, 10. Springs, 11. Lake, 12. Fade, 14. Snuggle, 17. Amass, 19. Valse, 22. Support, 26. Sec, 27. Red, 28. Dilutes, 29. Used, 30. Stem, 31. Deserts, 32. Eyes, Down: 2. Stream, 3. Ambles, 4. Hinks, 5. Impend, 6. Aping, 7. Regal, 12. Fans, 13. Damp, 15. Gale, 16. Ewer, 18. Arrest, 20. Assume, 21. Severo, 23. Unltd, 24. Plume, 25. Tests.



Queen Juliana of the Netherlands opening the fourth general assembly of the World Veterans' Federation in the Hall of Knights at The Hague. The assembly accepted the applications for membership of the German Federation of War Disabled and the central organisation for Austrian War Veterans. The Women's Royal Naval Service Organisation was also accepted. The membership of the Austrians was adopted unanimously but the Israel delegation voted against acceptance of the Germans while Luxembourg abstained from voting. (Express Photo).

Americans Pose Dilemma Of The Food Problem

Rome, Nov. 24.

The United States said tonight she is anxious to find ways of using her available food stocks to help feed the world's hungry, but she wants to avoid interference in normal trade.

"We in the United States are aware of the concerns of other countries over our accumulating commodity stocks," Mr John H. Davis, American Assistant Secretary of Agriculture, told the current conference of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) here.

He said the United States increased her farm output 40 per cent during and after the last war.

"Most of this was for the purpose of meeting the war and post-war needs of other countries when their own production was inadequate and their own sources of supply were cut off."

"Now production in most importing countries has become more adequate and many exporting countries have increased their production to new high levels."

"The result is that today our productive capacity exceeds our needs."

BEST ANSWER
"Fundamentally we believe that the productive capacity of American agriculture is an asset to the world. We are convinced that the best answer to present food problems is in the direction of greater outlets rather than shrinking the productive capacity of exporting countries."

"The United States is anxious to find ways of using its available stocks to improve the living standards of hungry people."

"At the same time we are equally desirous of not interfering with normal markets and normal channels of trade."

"In the future, as in the past, we shall continue to welcome opportunities of discussing such matters with representatives of other governments."

Mr Davis declared that efforts of member countries to increase their production would be of little avail unless marketing facilities are available to move these products into the hands of consumers at the same time returning a fair price to farmers.

"International co-operation under the leadership of FAO can play an important role in helping member countries to achieve this objective," he added.

THE PROBLEM
The International Federation of Agricultural Producers, a non-governmental body representing more than 20,000,000 farmers throughout the world, said recently "while the equilibrium of national and world markets is presently threatened by the accumulation of farm surpluses, it may well be that within a few years the threat will come from the opposite direction."

"Unprofitable farm prices may lead to restricted production insufficient to meet the growing needs of the increasing human population."

The Federation said the United States Commodity Credit Corporation alone holds stocks of foodstuffs valued at 20,000,000,000 dollars.

Director-General Norris E. Dodd, the Director of FAO, referred to the problem of surpluses at the conference earlier today.

The butter distribution was organized by the "Ernst Reuter Foundation," a relief organization named after the late Mayor of Berlin. (France-Press).

BRAZILIAN CLAIM TO HAVE FOUND WHITES WITH A JUNGLE TRIBE

Rio de Janeiro.

Senior Orlando Vilas Boas, a Brazilian authority on Indian tribes living in the heart of the jungle, claims to have discovered two white men and a white woman who were kidnapped when children and have since lived with one of the primitive jungle tribes.

Brazilian ethnologists, who, with Government departments, are investigating his claim, believe that it may be the explanation for the believed existence of "White Indian" tribes.

Vilas Boas, in a report to the Government, said that in his contacts with the Jurunas, a recently pacified tribe living about 60 miles from the Government post of Pimentel Barbosa, on the Xingu River, he had obtained reliable information about two white men and a white woman living as members of one of the most savage Indian tribes in Brazil. He later confirmed the information personally.

This tribe, discovered and recorded by the Government Service for Protection of Indians only a few years ago, is known in its own language as the tribe of Meneagrone. It is believed to belong to the family of Galapo Indians, whose ferocity and aversion to contact with other people were proverbial in Brazil.

Some groups of Galapos now maintain sporadic contact with other tribes, and representatives appear regularly at Government posts to receive tools, food and clothing.

The Meneagrone, however, have never participated in this assistance. So far as is known they are among the most backward tribes in the Continent. They use no tools and build no huts. Their shelter consist of bushes and shrubbery overlaid with banana leaves.

Until a few years ago they did not use bows and arrows. Their neighbours, the Jurunas, called them Tshokrame, "men without bows and arrows." More recently, however, they seized this weapon in fights with other tribes and learned its use.

Peking Seeks To Maintain Influence

London, Nov. 24.

Communist China's agreement to provide 2,114,000,000 worth of aid to rehabilitate war devastated North Korea is regarded by diplomatic sources here as further evidence of Peking's policy of maintaining her influence over that part of the Peninsula.

The ten-year agreement signed between the two countries in Peking yesterday came two months after Russia had promised similar aid and technical help for the Korean Communists. These sources said the Chinese clearly did not want the Russians to gain all the prestige in helping North Korea to her feet.

And the Chinese also realised that they would lose influence if it gained by entry into the Korean war—if Russia were alone in giving aid.

The range of commodities which Communist China has promised North Korea—coal, cotton, food, machinery and many other capital goods—had surprised officials here as China's own home needs are known to be extensive.

But it was noted that the aid has been promised over a three-year period beginning next year. (Reuter).

Bonn Ban On Nationalism

Bonn, Nov. 24.

The West German Federal Parliament decided to introduce legislation in the Bundestag forbidding the publication of any matter intended to provoke nationalist ideas.

This decision followed the recent banning of a film on the life of Adolf Hitler entitled "Until the Last Minute" by the Ministry of the Interior.

It was reported that 40 copies of this film were already sold to foreign film distribution companies. (France-Press).

Pollitt Sails For India

Southampton, Nov. 24.

Mr Harry Pollitt, Secretary-General of the British Communist Party, sailed from Southampton today in the Polish liner, Batory, to attend next month's Congress of the Communist Party of India at Madras.

He told reporters: "I sincerely hope my visit will strengthen the ties of friendship between the British and Indian peoples." Afterwards he said he planned to visit Ceylon at the invitation of the Communist Party there.

Told of a report from Colombo that he would not be allowed to land in Ceylon, Mr Pollitt replied: "I shall get there." (Reuter).

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"TRIUMPH AND TRAGEDY" CHAPTER 10

THE TRUTH ABOUT THE WARSAW INSURRECTION

The Commander of the Polish Underground Army of 60,000 men, Gen. Bor Komorowski, was authorised by the exiled Government to proclaim a general insurrection when opportune. Moscow radio on July 29, 1944, broadcast an appeal from the Polish Communists to the people of Warsaw, calling for "direct, active struggle in the streets" now that Soviet guns were within hearing.

On August 1, with the Russians less than 10 miles from the city, the Polish Underground Command ordered a general insurrection.

THE Jews reached London next day, and we anxiously waited for more. The Soviet radio was silent and Russian air activity ceased. On August 4 the Germans started to attack from strong-points which they held throughout the city and suburbs. The Polish Government in London told us of the agonising urgency of sending in supplies by air.

I accordingly telegraphed to Stalin. At 4 Aug. 44, I wrote to the Prime Minister to Marshal Stalin. At urgent request of Polish Underground Army, we are dropping, subject to weather, about 60 tons of equipment and ammunition into the southwest quarter of Warsaw, where it is said a Polish revolt against the Germans is in fierce struggle. They also say that they appeal for Russian aid, which seems to be very near. They are being attacked by 12 German divisions. This may be of help to your operation. The reply was prompt and grim.

Meanwhile, the battle went on street by street against the German "Tiger" tanks, and by Aug. 9 the Germans had driven a wedge right across the city through to the Vistula, breaking up the Polish-held districts into isolated sections. The gallant attempts of the R.A.F., with Polish, British, and Dominion crews, to fly to the aid of Warsaw from Italian bases were both forlorn and inadequate. Two planes appeared on the night of Aug. 4, and three four nights later.

THE Polish Prime Minister, Mikolajczyk, had been in Moscow since July 30 trying to establish some kind of terms with the Soviet Government which had recognised the Polish Communist Committee of National Liberation as the future administration of the country. There negotiations were carried on throughout the early days of the Warsaw rising.

Messages from Gen. Bor were reaching Mikolajczyk daily, begging for ammunition and anti-tank weapons and for help from the Red Army. Meanwhile, the Russians pressed for agreement upon the post-war frontiers of Poland and the setting up of a joint Government. A last fruitless talk took place with Stalin on Aug. 9. On Aug. 12 I telegraphed to him:

I have had the following distressing message from the Poles in Warsaw, who after 10 days are still fighting against considerable German forces who have cut the city into three:

"To the President of the Republic, the Government and the Commander-in-Chief, from the Vice-Prime Minister. 'Ten days we are conducting a bloody fight. The town is cut by three routes. On the German-Russian front since the 3rd. The soldiers and the population of the capital look helplessly at the skies, expecting help from the Allies. On the background of smoke they see only German aircraft. They are surprised, feel deeply depressed, and begin to revolt...'

"Have you discussed in Moscow help for Warsaw? I repeat emphatically that without immediate support, consisting of drops of arms and ammunition, bombing of objectives held by the enemy, and air landing, our fight will collapse in a few days. With the above-mentioned help the fight will continue. I expect from you the greatest effort in this respect."

They implore machine-guns and ammunition. Can you not give them some further help, as the distance from Italy is so very great?

On the night of Aug. 10, Veshinsky asked the U.S. Ambassador in Moscow to call, and, explaining that he wished to avoid the possibility of misunderstanding, read out the following astonishing statement:

The Soviet Government cannot, of course, object in English or American aircraft dropping arms in the region of Warsaw, since this is an American and British affair. But they decidedly object to American or British aircraft, after dropping arms in the region of Warsaw, landing on Soviet territory, since the Soviet Government do not wish to associate themselves either directly or indirectly with the adventure in Warsaw.

On the same day I received the following message, couched in softer terms, from Stalin:

"After the conversation with M. Mikolajczyk I gave orders that the command of the Red Army should drop arms intensively in the Warsaw sector. A parachute liaison officer was also dropped, who, according to the report of the command, did not reach his objective, as he was killed by the Germans."

Further, having familiarised myself more closely with the Warsaw affair, I am convinced that the Warsaw action represents a reckless and terrible adventure which is costing the population large sacrifices. This would not have been if the Soviet command had been informed before the beginning of the Warsaw action and if the Poles had maintained contact with it.

In the situation which has arisen the Soviet command has come to the conclusion that it must dissociate itself from the Warsaw adventure, as it cannot take either direct or indirect responsibility for the Warsaw action.

According to Mikolajczyk's account, the first paragraph of this telegram is quite untrue. Two officers arrived safely in Warsaw and were received by the Polish command. A Soviet colonel had also been there for

some days, and sent messages to Moscow via London urging support for the insurgents.

I appealed to the President and we sent the following joint appeal, which the President had drafted:

Prime Minister and President Roosevelt to Marshal Stalin 20 Aug. 44

We are thinking of world opinion if the anti-Nazi in Warsaw are in effect abandoned. We believe that all three of us should do the utmost to save as many of the patriots there as possible. We hope that you will drop immediate supplies and munitions to the patriot Poles in Warsaw, or will you agree to help our planes in doing it very quickly? We hope you will approve. The time element is of extreme importance.

This was the reply we got: Marshal Stalin to Prime Minister and President Roosevelt 22 Aug. 44

I have received the message from you and Mr. Roosevelt about Warsaw. I wish to express my opinions.

Sooner or later the truth about the group of criminals who have embarked on the Warsaw adventure in order to seize power will become known to everybody. These people have exploited the good faith of the inhabitants of Warsaw, throwing many innocent, unarmed people against the German tanks and aircraft. A situation has arisen in which each new day serves, not the Poles for the liberation of Warsaw, but the Hitlerites who are inhumanly shooting down the inhabitants of Warsaw.

From the military point of view, the situation which has arisen, by increasingly directing the attention of the Germans to Warsaw, is just as unprofitable for the Red Army as for the Poles. There can be no doubt that the Red Army is not sparing its efforts to break the Germans round Warsaw and to free Warsaw for the Poles. That will be the best and most effective help for the Poles who are anti-Nazi.

publicity for the facts about the agony of Warsaw, which seem, from the papers, to have been practically suppressed? It is not for us to cast reproaches on the Soviet Government, but surely the facts should be allowed to speak for themselves.

The President now replied to my telegram:

President Roosevelt to Prime Minister 24 Aug. 44

Thanks for your telegram describing the inhuman behaviour of the Nazis and the dreadful situation of the Poles in Warsaw.

Stalin's reply to our joint proposal for assisting the Warsaw Poles is far from encouraging.

The supply by us of the Warsaw Poles if, I am informed, impossible unless we are permitted to land and take off from Soviet airfields. Their use for the relief of Warsaw is at present prohibited by the Russian authorities.

I do not see what further steps we can take at the present time that promise results. (The Prime Minister suggested a joint measure of dropping a joint message to Stalin proposing the dispatch of U.S. aircraft from England to land behind the Russian lines, "unless you (Stalin) directly forbid it." Mr. Roosevelt declined to be associated with such a message.)

ON Sept. 1 I received the Polish Premier, Mikolajczyk, on his return from Moscow. I had little comfort to offer. He told me that he was prepared to propose a political settlement with the Lublin [Polish Communist] Committee, offering them 14 seats in a combined Government.

These proposals were debated under fire by the representatives of the Polish Underground in Warsaw itself. The suggestion was accepted unanimously. Most of those who took part in these decisions were tried a year later for "treason" before a Soviet court in Moscow.

When the Cabinet met on the night of Sept. 4 I thought the issue so important that, though I had a touch of fever, I went from my bed to our underground room. We had met together on many unpleasant occasions when such deep anger was shown by all our members, Tory, Labour, Liberal, alike.

I should have liked to say, "We are sending our aeroplanes to land in your territory, after delivering supplies, to Warsaw. If you do not treat them properly, all convoys will be stopped from this moment by us."

But the reader of these pages in after-years must realise that everyone always has to keep in mind the fortunes of millions of men fighting in a worldwide struggle, and that terrible and even humbling submissions must at times be made to the general aim.

It might have been effective, because we were dealing with men in the Kremlin who were governed by calculation and not by emotion. They did not mean to let the spirit of Poland rise again at Warsaw. Their plans were based on the Lublin Committee. That was the only Poland they cared about.

THE cutting off of the convoys at this critical moment in their great advance would perhaps have bulked in their minds as considerations of honour, humanity, decent conduct, nonplace good faith, usually count with ordinary people.

[The Prime Minister again appealed to Mr. Roosevelt on Sept. 4 to drop supplies and land on Russian airfields without their prior consent. He also forwarded the text of the following telegram, sent to Moscow the same day.]

... The War Cabinet wish to know that public opinion in this country is deeply moved by the events in Warsaw and by the terrible sufferings of the Poles there. Whatever the rights and wrongs about the beginnings of the Warsaw rising, the people of Warsaw themselves cannot be held responsible for the decision taken.

Our people cannot understand why no material help has been sent from outside to the Poles in Warsaw. The fact that such help could not be sent on account of your Government's refusal to allow United States aircraft to land on aerodromes in Russian hands is now becoming publicly known.

If on top of all this the Poles in Warsaw should now

be overwhelmed by the Germans, as we are told they must be within two or three days, the shock to public opinion here will be incalculable. The War Cabinet themselves find it hard to understand your Government's refusal to take account of the obligations of the British and American Governments to help the Poles in Warsaw.

Your Government's action in preventing this help being sent seems to us at variance with the spirit of Allied co-operation to which you and we attach so much importance both for the present and the future.

Out of regard for Marshal Stalin and for the Soviet peoples, with whom it is our earnest desire to work in future years, the War Cabinet have asked me to make this further appeal "to the Soviet Government to give whatever help may be in their power, and above all to provide facilities for United States aircraft to land on your airfields for this purpose."

ON Sept. 10, after six weeks of Polish torment, the Kremlin appeared to change their tactics. That afternoon signs from the Soviet artillery began to fall upon the eastern outskirts of Warsaw and Soviet planes appeared again over the city. Polish Communist forces, under Soviet orders, fought their way into the fringe of the capital.

From Sept. 14 onwards the Soviet Air Force dropped supplies; but few of the parachutes opened, and many of the containers were smashed and useless. The following day the Russians occupied the Praga suburb, but went no farther. They wished to have the non-Communist Poles destroyed to the full, but also to keep alive the idea that they were going to their rescue.

Meanwhile, house by house, the Germans proceeded with their liquidation of Polish centres of resistance throughout the city. A fearful fate befell the population. Many were deported by the Germans. Gen. Bor's appeals to the Soviet commander, Gen. Rokossovsky, were unanswered. Famine reigned.

My efforts to get American aid to one isolated but large-scale operation. On Sept. 18, 104 heavy bombers flew over the capital, dropping supplies. It was too late. On the evening of Oct. 2 Premier Mikolajczyk came to tell me that the Polish forces in Warsaw were about to surrender to the Germans.

ONE of the last broadcasts from the heroic city was picked up in London.

This is the stark truth. We were treated worse than Hitler's satellites, worse than Italy, Rumania, Finland. May God, Who is just, pass judgement on the terrible injustice suffered by the Polish nation, and may He punish accordingly all those who are guilty.

Your heroes are the soldiers whose only weapons against tanks, planes and guns were their revolvers and bottles filled with petrol. Your heroes are the women who tended the wounded and carried messages under fire, who cooked in bombed and ruined cellars to feed children and adults, and who soothed and comforted the dying. Your heroes are the children who went on quickly playing among the smouldering ruins. These are the people of Warsaw.

Immoral is the nation that can muster such universal heroism. For those who have died have conquered, and those who live on will fight on, will conquer, and again bear witness that Poland lives when the Poles live.

THESE words are indelible. The struggle in Warsaw had lasted more than 60 days. Of the 40,000 men and women of the Polish Underground Army about 15,000 were killed. Out of a population of one million, nearly 200,000 had been stricken. The suppression of the revolt cost the German Army 10,000 killed, 7,000 missing and 9,000 wounded. The proportions of the hand-to-hand character of the fighting.

When the Russians entered the city three months later they found little but shattered streets and the unburied dead. Such was their liberation of Poland, where they now rule. But this cannot be the end of the story.

(Continued Tomorrow)

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summer, and where they beat their relatives to death to keep themselves warm. As this is an old Siberian custom, relatives are now rather scarce. Sometimes the sole survivor of these winter orgies will travel 500 miles to what he laughingly calls a neighbouring village to borrow somebody else's relatives.

Therefore visitors who want "to do as Rome does" and keep themselves warm at the same time are advised to take their own relatives for this purpose. Apart from Government spies there are no unofficial guides in Siberia as there are in Paris. But for a couple of kopeks you can buy photographs of vast expanses of snow which the Siberians proudly call the cleanest picture postcards in the world.

Paws Across Sea

BEING a letter from Manhattan Mouser, New York cat-about-town, to his English sweetheart Lotie.

Hiya Sugarpudd, I see by the newspaper flown over here that you have joined the cat club. So I write to congratulate you and to say how much I admire your enterprise as I always thought you were beautiful but dumb like those moody English dames you see in your high-class magazines, dilled up in they tweeds and lookin

as if the drains in the old ancestral hall was pretty high, what, what, what.

Although I have always thought that yours is the sweetest little cat in the world, I would bite the ears off any cat who said it wasn't I, I never thought you had brains too. Over here they often say the English fool you with their quiet manners and innocent looks.

Now, I know what they mean. The English are go-getters who never look as if they are likely to go anywhere or get anything. But, boy, oh boy, they certainly do move around when the going's good.

As I missed the Coronation because Senator Joe McCarthy grilled me for a month about a "More Chow in the Ash Cans for Alley Cats" procession I led through Broadway when I was a kitten, I shall be coming over on the next liner sailing east to make up for all the time you have been out of my arms. Honeycat, maybe I will stay for Christmas as you don't seem to be short of turkeys any more. Maybe by the time I get there you will be a queen with some of the dough you are getting.

The only thing that makes me mad about your no appointment is the devil cat picture they printed of you with horns, a cloven hoof and a forked tail.

Unless you have been foolin me again you are certainly no devil, Sugarpudd. And I am glad to say you are certainly no angel, either, as I have no time for angelic dames.

I prefer to think of you as you appear in my hand-balanced necktie.

Keep those hips swinging, Honeycat. I am on my way. Manhattan Mouser.



(DRAWN BY GUBBINS)

THE DUFFLE TWINS

by DODD



JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Never Give Foe Any Bargains

By OSWALD JACOBY

WHEN the opponents announce that they intend to make a sacrifice bid, you are foolish to let them have a bargain. Since they are handing you a blank cheque, it is up to you to fill in a nice large amount.

In today's hand the first round of bidding was very informative. East said he had a partner about possibilities or probabilities. He knew that he wouldn't have to play the hand at all. North had already announced his intention of sacrificing in minor suit and high heart bid. The vulnerability being what it was, it was pretty much impossible for North to change his mind if East promptly bid a small slam.

East therefore jumped to six hearts with great assurance and speed. South passed miserably, suspecting that he might have two spade tricks, but not daring to take any action. North had no defense against a vulnerable slam, and therefore carried on by making the sacrifice bid he had already promised to make.

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East was quite happy to double six hearts. He hadn't been sure of six hearts anyway (and wouldn't have made it, of course), but he could be sure of securing a nice profit against six.

The play showed East to be quite correct. East won the first trick with the queen of hearts, cashed the king of hearts, and then switched to the king of diamonds. He next took the king of clubs, followed with the ace of diamonds, and then carefully led a third diamond. West naturallyuffed, forcing dummy to overruff. Now South had to lose a second club trick, for a penalty of 1100 points.

CARD Sense

Q—With both sides vulnerable, the bidding has been: South West North 1 Diamond Pass 1 N.T. 2 Spades Pass. You, South, hold: Spades Q-3-2, Hearts K-J-4-2, Diamonds none, Clubs A-J-5-3-2. What do you do? A—Bid three diamonds. This is clearly a cue bid, and a real diamond suit at this stage of the bidding. Your intention is to show control of the diamond suit, strong support for spades, and a mild hope that the combined hands can produce a slam.

TODAY'S QUESTION

The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold: Spades Q-3-2, Hearts K-J-4-2, Diamonds none, Clubs A-J-5-3-2. What do you do? Answer Tomorrow

WHAT'S HER LINE?

D. U. STRATTEN

Re-arrange the letters to spell her occupation.

(Solution on Page 10)



YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25

BORN today, you are a leader rather than one who follows. You will have a great deal to do, no matter what others think or believe. Actually, you care little whether the rest of the world falls in line, just so long as you are allowed full freedom of thought and action as you see it. Consequently, you may have a difficult climb toward success and acceptance in a world which is becoming more and more inclined to follow a certain mould.

Yours is a dynamic personality and needs to thrive on excitement and change. You will probably want to travel widely and will cover the entire surface of the globe during your lifetime. You women are apt to express this tendency in a continual search for pleasure. Be warned against using up too much

vital energy on unimportant matters, for the stars indicate that you could become a great force for good in the world if your energies are only directed into the proper channels.

You will make a host of friends but will have a comparatively small circle of close associates. You have definite psychic gifts and should put them to good use. Although your emotions are strong and you have deep love and sympathy for all mankind, they are usually kept well under control. Your marriage, if you select someone who understands your rather unusual temperament, can be exceptionally happy.

To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—You may find your greatest happiness this Thanksgiving Day at home with "old folks."

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—If you are the head of the family, you might dream up a present of a "surprise party" for your partner.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Although intuitions are valuable, you might as well get all of the facts, too. Then make up your mind.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—No doubt you have something to be thankful for. Don't neglect the spiritual implications of the day.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—Your ingenuity and talent for invention might easily serve you well this day. Take advantage of it.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—If you're one of those without a hobby, develop one and discover how relaxing it can be.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—Give a serious thought to those things for which you should be thankful. Put aside disappointments.

CANCER (June 22-July 21)—Describing your own experience, you are as wise as someone you love might prove exceptionally helpful just now.

LEO (July 22-Aug. 23)—Pay attention when given instructions and then follow them to the letter to avoid any chance of error.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—Don't trust to your memory when it comes to important details. Make a written note for safety's sake.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—Hang on to your temper. Things said when angry are cause for regret, but sometimes not easily withdrawn.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 23)—Give full thanks for your many blessings. Remember you don't count them often enough.

BY THE WAY... by Beachcomber

"WOMEN today," said a member of some society or other, "are not just frivolous parasites. I hope some male fellow-member should be made to take you up on that. Do you really prefer this tedious role to a jolly evening with drink and dancing?" "Certainly," he said. "Then you have got what you deserve, my beauty."

"Mr. President," said Chairman: "What is it Mrs. Wall? Mrs. Wall? Mr. President, I am with his hat!"

The danger of invisibility. ONE odd feature of the balance of payments is that the first half of 1953 is that it is the surplus which is "invisible" and the deficit which is "visible." This obviously disturbs the balance between imports and exports, when the duties and currency restrictions have been taken into account. By including the gold reserves in the invisible surplus, the deficit could be reduced, but only at the expense of sterling balances. The fact that the £378,000,000 capitalised by the clearing houses is simply a paper transaction makes it difficult to draw any conclusions from—surely a method of dealing with the balance of payments. There is too much invisibility in modern financial practice.

Suet and the Slopcomers

"Suet and the Slopcomers," said Mr. Slopcomer, "is a very nice name. I like it. I just peeped into his office, and I saw him throw you on to his camel and gallop across the desert sands with you!" "You're a very nice fellow," said Mr. Slopcomer. "I'm just a friend," said Mr. Slopcomer. "Any evening now," said Mr. Slopcomer, "I'll come climbing up a rope ladder into the larder window with a rose in one hand and a gull in the other."

"That's not a bit like that," said Mr. Slopcomer. "There is always something to do."

THE courageous attempt made by a man to walk on roller-skates from London to Brighton seems to prove, if proof were needed, having accomplished this feat, perhaps he will see how long he can stand on a pile of boilers with a violin in his hands without playing.

That peels, let him try something rather more fantastic, such as sewing an egg in half with a corker and opening it in biscuits with a telescope, or knocking bits off a lump of charcoal with a sponge.

For quiet days

A CABMAN'S sister-in-law by his second marriage is the widow of

his father's first cousin and the second cousin of his mother's nephew. The cabman's sister-in-law marries the uncle of her aunt's sister, will she be her own niece?

also. "On account of he's up all night."

"Who is?" asked Teddy. "The moon or Owl?"

"Both of them," replied General Tin. They found Owl sitting on the branch of a tree, pretending to be reading a book of poems. They knew he was pretending because he was holding the book upside down. "A-hem," he said, shutting the book and pushing his glasses back over his forehead, "What are you all doing walking around at night?"

"We came to see you, Owl," said Knarf.

"You did?" said Owl. "Might I ask why?"

"The moon is winking at us," said Knarf, "and it doesn't even know us."

"It knows me," said Owl. "Pardon me while I take a look at it." He took a long look at it. "No doubt about it," he said at length, turning back to Knarf and Hanid and Teddy and General Tin again. "It's winking."

"Why?" asked Teddy.

Owl didn't answer for quite awhile. He seemed to be thinking. Finally he cleared his throat and said: "I don't know."

"Neither do we," answered Knarf and Hanid and Teddy and General Tin.

"There's only one thing to do," said Owl, when everybody was silent again. "Pardon me while I do it. I'll be back in a few minutes."

With that Owl slapped his wings and flew straight up toward the moon. Knarf and Hanid and Hanid and General Tin all watched him. The moon was standing right over the top

of the hill. It didn't seem to be very far off. They could see Owl perched on the moon's nose, talking to it. Then Owl came flapping back. "I had a talk with him," Owl said. "I asked him why he was winking at you. I told him you said he didn't even know you."

"What did he say?" asked Hanid eagerly.

"The moon said that was wrong. He said he did know you. He said he knew everybody. He said that's why he was winking—to let everybody know that he knew them. He was just saying hello."

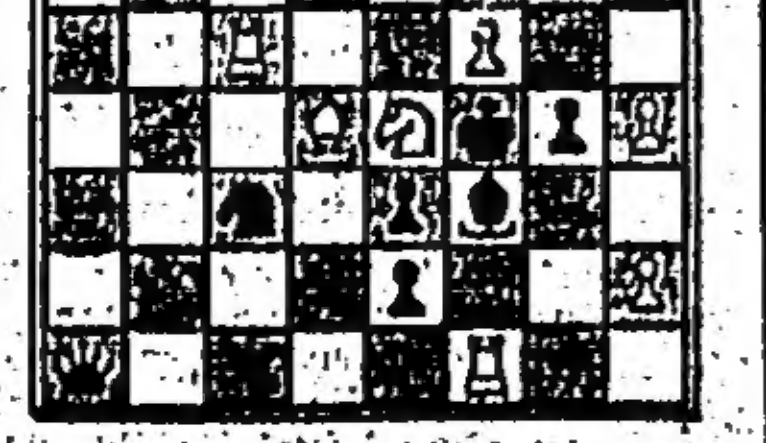
Then Owl added: "The moon's pretty lonely sailing up there alone in the sky. I think he'd appreciate it if you all winked back at him."

And with that Owl pushed his glasses back over his eyes and went back to pretending to read his book of poems. They knew he was still pretending because he was holding it sideways, which is no way to read a book of poems or a book of anything else.

CHESS PROBLEM

By H. L. MUSANTE

Black, 10 pieces.



White, 9 pieces. White to play; mate in two. Solution: 1. Qxg5, 2. Qxg5, 3. Qxg5, 4. Qxg5, 5. Qxg5, 6. Qxg5, 7. Qxg5, 8. Qxg5, 9. Qxg5.

White, 9 pieces. White to play; mate in two. Solution: 1. Qxg5, 2. Qxg5, 3. Qxg5, 4. Qxg5, 5. Qxg5, 6. Qxg5, 7. Qxg5, 8. Qxg5, 9. Qxg5.

CROSSWORD



Across

1. Barter hit. (anag.) (9)

2. Few can get too much. (7)

3. This was a kingmaker. (10)

4. (Ed.) (10)

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EAST NIGHT'S BOXING A FEAST OF GOOD FIGHTS IN THE HKABA'S FIRST MAJOR PROMOTION

By OUR BOXING CORRESPONDENT

Boxing on the grand scale came back to the Colony last night and the Hongkong Amateur Boxing Association is to be congratulated on staging this really excellent show at the Southern Playground.

For the second time in a few weeks local sportsmen have done fine work for the Earl Haig Fund. First our footballers put on a grand show in the annual Poppy Day match and now our boxers have made a truly worthy contribution — worthy of the Earl Haig Fund and worthy of the age old sport of fistfights.

Apart from the actual fighting there is always something special about the atmosphere that surrounds a big tournament. Last night the atmosphere was there, and the public was there in full force, which is so much an inherent part of the fight game, was in the Southern Playground last night.

Boxing has an intimacy of expectation that is all its own, and one of the great pleasures of all promoters is to see the status of the bouts they promote — is to cultivate such an atmosphere in their arena.

By the efficiency of its arrangements the local Amateur Association set the stage perfectly for this show, by the thoroughness of its management it kept it going without a single hitch, and by the careful choice of its boxers it ensured that the public would get a good night's entertainment.

I watched last night's audience with special attention, for with so little boxing taking place in recent times I was interested in their reactions to all that was going on.

They accepted all the necessary early preparations with a sort of smug satisfaction and maybe a little impatience — not with the hard working officials but rather with an edgy anxiety to see the fighters in the ring.

At last, right on the scheduled time, the first of the imposing programme got under way and from that moment until the end of the show we really got our money's worth.

The show had something to please everyone. There was an abundance of action, some very good boxing, hard hitting and a regular ration of thrills.

With the exception of the verdict in the LAC Court and Gar. Brackley fight, the official line was very good indeed and of course at the end of every bout, no matter the punishment that had been doled out, there was a sportsman's handshake ready on both sides.

THE HIGHLIGHTS

The highlights of the programme were the thrilling meeting of "the masters", Lucas and James, in the eighth bout of the night, the delightful footwork of local boy, Henry Fong, the punch-swapping party of AB Kibby and SAC McLaughlin, and the remorseless punching and fighting of Pte. Stanley of the Dorsets. What a fighter this boy is going to be!

LAC Lucas set a new fashion for local fight fans by jumping into the ring wearing one of the new hooded dressing gowns that have recently found favour in the professional ring in Britain and America.

His opponent, Ctn. James, is well-known to Army fight fans and the meeting of these two accomplished fighters was easily the best bout of the night.

In the first round it seemed to me that James was surprised, and not a little worried, by the class and power of his fast and hard-hitting opponent.

Lucas dictated the fight in these early stages and he looked capable of winning within the distance. Both men took a lot of punishment without giving an inch, but in the second round Lucas was noticeably that much more getting home with punishing blows to the body and it was the airman who was breaking off the close exchanges.

The third round was a cracker and some of the brilliant in-fighting was boxing at its very best. Blows were landed with astonishing speed and power, and if the soldier was now having more of the fight it could not be said that he had subdued his clever opponent.

Major Walker, who refereed this contest, congratulated both

men on an excellent fight and the prolonged cheers and applause of the big crowd showed clearly that this was the sort of scrapping that they had come along to see and Lucas the kind of winner they like.

It was a great fight and a rematch of these men on a light weight will be sufficient to pack any hall.

PUNCH PARTY
A fight of a very different nature was the "punch-party" held by Sallorboy Kibby and SAC McLaughlin of the RAF. Neither of these boys made any pretence of possessing a knowledge of the finer points of the game, but, oh my, what courage they displayed. It just had to be seen to be believed.

When the timekeeper struck the gong he really started something. The two gladiators shot from their corners, nodded to each other as though to say "Right...let's go," and they did.

Blows flew from all angles, blows that must have made the purists shudder but blows that brought the audience to its feet in excitement. They hit each other with everything except the referee's bow tie. Science was completely forgotten and it was really a case of the man who landed on a vital spot first emerging the winner.

The winning punch, when it did come was in keeping with the rest of the fight. Kibby suddenly decided on a little variety and bowled a Larwood style right-hander. In the East End of London it would have been described as a "tee" round the corner, but it was a good length delivery and landed on McLaughlin's chin and that was that.

A woman sitting next to me remarked that it was a lucky blow. I can only say that it was lucky by the unlikely dependency entirely on which end of it you happened to be on at the time. This Kibby boy is quite a character and must be included on any future programmes. He dishes out enough thrills to last a whole night.

DISAPPOINTING
Local boy Henry Fong was, to me at least, a disappointment. In his contest with LAC Johnson he showed a lot of class but very little skill.

He seems to have to struggle to win fights, and while nobody appreciates the finer points of the game more than I, Fong must get on with the job of fighting. He danced in and out of his opponent's defence, he showed delightful footwork, he feinted and shifted with dexterity, but throughout the first round he never landed one single blow.

As his cleverness prevented his opponent from landing one on him, what was expected to be one of the highlights of the evening turned out to be a very ordinary contest.

Fong has only himself to blame for his defeat. He had the ability to win but he threw away the fight by adopting the wrong tactics. In the end Johnson was a good winner merely because he contrived to land on the target without all the unnecessary frills of his ultra-clever opponent.

THRILL-FILLED
The final bout of the evening was another thrill-filled affair. AB Baxter (R.N.) was unable to appear and his place was taken by Gunn. Boulter (R.N.) in the light-heavyweight fight with Pte. Stanley... and Baxter really let Boulter in for something.

Stanley's supporters from the Dorsets were in the galleries in large numbers and throughout the evening their war cry was "Wait till you see our Stanley" and he was well worth waiting for.

The fight started with Boulter walking straight on and smashing a couple of rasping punches into Stanley's face...and that really did it. The "Pride of the Dorsets" cut loose with a terrific barrage of blows that had the sailor tossing about. An un-even keel, Stanley was volentless in his attack and remorseless in his accurate placing of blows to the body and chin.

Under this punishment the gallant sailor went down for several counts in the first round, but with traditional courage he dragged himself to his feet and I am sure the sweetest music he has ever heard was the bell that ended the round...although I cannot imagine that he was nearly as pleased with the one that started the second round.

Stanley, right on his toes, was in like a flash. He showed short, power-packed punches on his game but fast weakening opponent and it was obvious to all that the fight could not last much longer.

The trophies were presented to the fighters after each fight by Mr. J. D. Clague. Speaking from the ring, Mr. W. Stoker, Chairman of the Amateur Boxing Association, introduced Col. J. D. Clague, CBE, MC, President of the Hongkong & China Branch of the British Boxing Association, the officials and the public for the combination of efforts that had produced a good benefit for the Earl Haig Fund.

OTHER RESULTS
The results of the other fights were as follows:
Fong Yui-chun beat Speedy Morales on points.
Fung Kee-kong beat Pte. Dugman on points.
Kan Man beat Eddy Ko on points.
SAC Smythe lost to Bdr. LAC Phillips beat L/Bdr. Whalley on points.
Gnr. Brackley beat LAC Court on points (this was a very doubtful decision. The airman seemed to have won every round).
L/C Fletcher beat LAC Gollidge.
Spr. Jennings beat AB Nicholson on points.
L/C Brown KO'd AB James in the second round.

SOME CRITICISMS
In a grand night there were only three minor criticisms. The microphone in the ring was very poor and in some sections of the arena it was impossible to understand what the MC was saying.

The timid striking of the gong by the timekeepers often caused uncertainty in the ring and finally I was disappointed to find a 40-page programme devoid of editorial matter. This was a great opportunity for the new Association to have published its policy and programme, and as this was the very first show it had promoted the programme would have made a most excellent souvenir if it had been worth keeping.

The show produced the evidence that there is a big public for good boxing. This was an excellent merit. It is now up to the Association to carry on the good work and satisfy our appetite.

TO MARRY HER COACH



Britain's Discus Throw Champion, 19-year-old Miss Suzanne Farmer, is to marry her coach, Mr Peter Allday. The wedding takes place at St Michael's Church, Southwick, on December 9. They met at the Helsinki Games where Mr Allday represented Great Britain in the Hammer Throw.

QUERY MAN HAGAN IS SILENT

What's Wrong With Sheffield United?

By STEVE BLATCHFORD

Is Jimmy Hagan unhappy? Is that the reason for Sheffield United's failure to make the grade in their first season back in the First Division?

Those are the questions to which I sought answer from directors, management and players.

Manager Freeman makes no secret of the fact that several of United's youngsters and the gap between Second and First Division football hard to bridge. "Our youngsters have not yet accustomed themselves to the sharper tackling and keener positional sense of opponents in the higher grade," says Freeman.

Some of them, whose brilliant performances last season and in the early part of the present season earned them recognition in representative matches, are trying to be Alf Ramsays before they have established themselves.

THE PROBLEM
"My problem is to get them to realise that they are not quite as good as they thought they were, and to encourage them to 'undiscover' themselves to First Division football as quickly as possible.

"At the same time I don't want them to lose faith in their own ability, and our youngsters have plenty of that or they would not be on United's books."

Freeman, the man who steered Rotherham United from midway down the Third Division North to the upper brackets of Division II before moving to Sheffield and piloting United to promotion, is in his first season with the club, and he knows too well that there are one or two positions that require strengthening if United are to hold their place in the upper circle.

He would like to see a little more steadiness in defence, and would be much happier if he had an experienced deputy for Hagan and Brook.

That is why he is pressing Preston manager Scot Symon for the transfer of Bobby Foster, a Sheffield youngster who wants to return to his native heath because his wife lives and works in the steel city.

In this quest for Foster he is having competition from Andy Smalles, his assistant at Rotherham, who took over the manager's chair when Freeman went to Sheffield.

Freeman has faith in his youngsters, but vice-chairman Atkin is a little more critical. This forthright Yorkshireman, whose family provided much of

the cash that founded Bramall Lane for cricket and football and helped out even the mighty Yorkshire County Cricket Club in the lean years towards the end of the last century, makes no bones of the fact that he thinks one or two of the youngsters have become over-confident.

"They are 'big-headed' as a result of past successes. Instead of getting on with the game, they try to show off. This leads them into making mistakes which give away goals."

"We have given away five or six goals this season through sheer carelessness of this sort. If the points we lost as a result of these goals were added on to our present total, we would be halfway up the table and there would be no question of 'What is wrong with United?'"

RIGHT MAN FOR THE JOB

Both Freeman and his vice-chairman feel that the youngsters are not moving into the open spaces this year as readily as they did in the Second Division; consequently Hagan has to hang on to the ball until he can see an unmarked colleague.

Vice-chairman Atkin was quite firm on one point—that he has absolute faith in Freeman. "There will be no interference with the manager as long as I am on the board. We appointed him because we felt he was the man for the job. Last season he proved us right."

"If we leave him alone to do the job in his own way he will prove us right again. If Mr Freeman decided that the club needs this or that player and that the player is worth £8-10,000, we shall let it for him. He knows it isn't any use coming to us asking for £25,000 or more. We haven't got it, and we wouldn't give it him if we had."

MAY BE SOMETHING IN IT.

Mr Atkin echoed Reg Freeman in pointing out the worth of youngsters, all of whom will be ready for League football in the next year or two.

Many of them, like half-backs Denial and Toner, and inside forward Arthur Bottom, have already gained invaluable first team experience.

Young Coldwell is proving a useful deputy for the injured right back, Fred Furniss, but despite all the protests of Freeman and Atkin, the man on the terrace — is sure that this is the chief reason for United's decline.

In view of Jimmy's reluctance to make any sort of statement at all there may be something in what the supporters say.

On the other hand, the that word may have been spoken by a 10-year-old playing in a scratch game with a tennis ball in a schoolyard just by Bramall Lane.

As I stepped aboard the train to return to the City I heard this youngster shouting: "I'm Jimmy Hagan, watch me next!"

COMBINED SERVICES MASSACRE THE ONCE MIGHTY CLUB

By "PAK LO"

Yesterday evening, in front of Mr P. M. Holman, the 1952 President of the English Rugby Union, a Combined Services team massacred the once mighty Club. Mr Holman had asked for this game to be played in order that he might gain an impression of the standard of Rugger in the Colony.

He will, I fear, leave with very mixed impressions as the Services, who played a fine game throughout, were opposed by the poorest side the Club has ever fielded. This does not mean that the Club was fielding a weak side, in fact it was one of their strongest, but their weak and futile efforts were, to say the least, very disappointing and the final score of 29 points to five in the Combined Services' favour was not only a fair score but was almost an understatement on the way the game went.

The Services kicked off and were soon attacking although the Club were able at this state to retaliate, but their attempt was cleared by Gerrard. The ball was shortly down on the Club's five-yard line, and from the set scrum Argyle took the ball over to open the scoring. Davidson converted and the score was therefore 5 to 0 after only ten minutes.

Two minutes the Services scored again. This time the Services did a nice passing movement and then kicked ahead and Harris collected it nicely and after a good run passed to Smith who scored. Once again Davidson obliged to bring the score to 10 to 0.

Another five minutes of mid-field play and once again the Club were down to the Club's five-yard line and from the set scrum the Services were sent away beautifully for Harris to score near the corner flag. Once again Davidson converted, and after only 18 minutes play the Club were losing by 15 points to nil.

JUST NOWHERE
The Club were just nowhere in all this. They lost the line-outs, they lost the scrums and with the single exception of Douglass, who scored a certain extent Gerrard and Kilvert their following up was hopeless.

As for their tackling the less said, the better as they only waved their hands in the general direction of their opponents and appeared to be hoping that this would bring the man down, which it naturally failed to do.

They now attacked by kicking, but this was only for a short spell and the Services were soon back in the Club's half of the field, and looking exceedingly dangerous.

However the Club cleared and from the loose man were awarded a penalty on the Services' 25-yard line, but the kick was missed narrowly by Craig. And then the half time whistle went.

Summing up this half, it was without doubt mostly the Services who looked like Rugger players and not the Club with the only exception of Douglass who played a really grand game. The rest of the Club were nowhere.

Their passing was weak and insipid and the Club pack neither tackled well nor kept up with the ball.

FLASH IN THE PAN
The Club appeared in the first few minutes of the second half to have regained their form, but it was merely a flash in the pan, and the Services soon scored again when Balderston dribbled the ball to the Club's five-yard line and from the line-out a good pass sent Harris over near the posts. Davidson just missed and the score stood at 18 to nil.

Then the Services attacked again and again and eventually broke through and Smith gathered a loose ball and after a fast run sent Ganton over. Davidson brought the score to 23 points to 0 by converting.

Then from a ten-yard scrum the Services as usual got the ball, but this time it was Lender who took the loose ball with his foot and caught it and went over. Craig converted and the Club had at last scored. The score now stood at 23 to 5 but this obviously angered the Services because they attacked and they were on the wrong end of the scoring instead of having a commanding lead. Arriving at

the Club's 25-yard-line there was a set scrum and the Club won their first scrum. And all that happened was that the Services broke through and Balderston gathered and scored near the corner flag, leaving an awkward kick for Davidson who just failed to convert.

And in the last minutes of the game, to add insult to injury, the Club won one of their few line-outs and allowed the Services to smash through their line and Balderston, taking the ball, passed to Davidson who scored near the posts but failed to convert the kick, thus leaving the final score at 29 to 5.

WITHOUT EXCEPTION
The Services looked excellent and played a good game without exception. Gerrard started many fine moves which his wingers finished off. The Services' full-back, Crossley, played a fine positional game, being always where he was needed.

The forwards were also very good though at times a little too keen and finding themselves offside as a result.

Eve was definitely outstanding in the forwards, not only in his hooking in which he only allowed the Club to win once, but in his last following up and ferocious tackling.

The Club had Douglas in the forwards and he shone, compared even to the Services, in everything he did. Lender did quite well with the very poor service he got, and Hargreaves who played a really grand game in the line-outs with Douglas. The rest were nowhere.

THE TEAMS
Combined Services: Crossley, Harris, Gerrard, Smith, Balderston, Brentford, Argyle, Daniel, Eve, Bell, Hall, Farthing, Jones, Davidson, Ganton.

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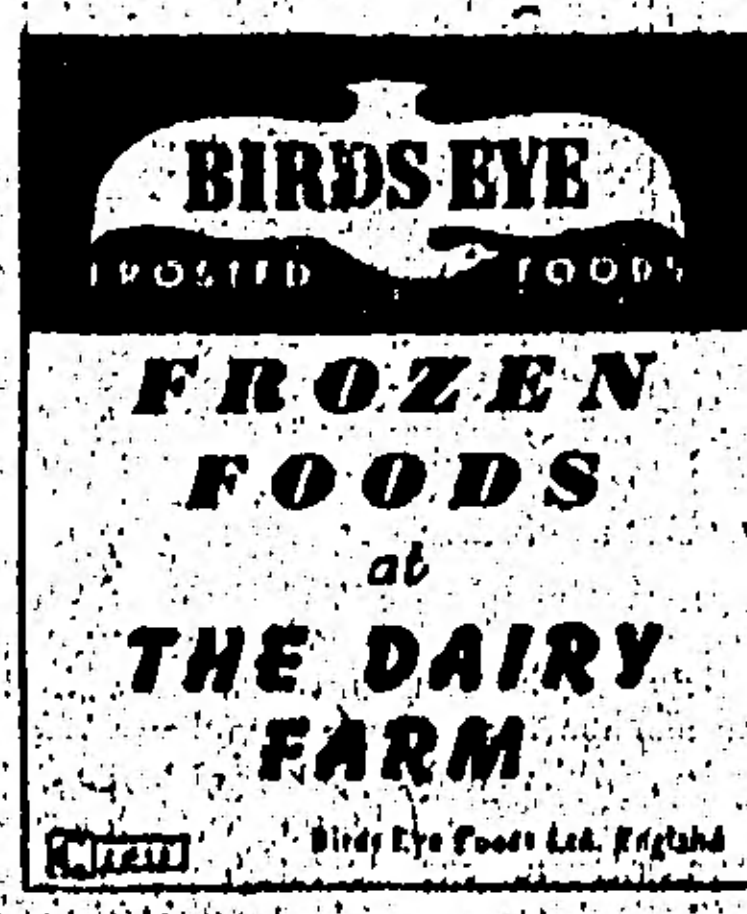
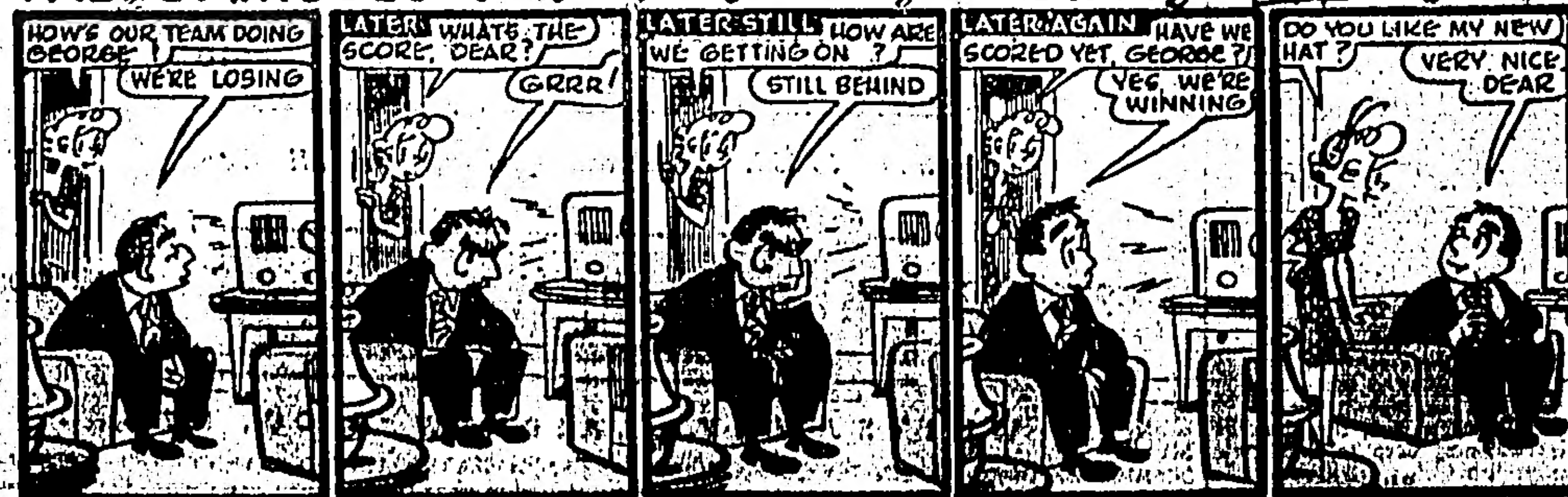
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THE GAMBOLS



Softball Protests Considered
The Softball Association held a meeting, yesterday at which two protests were considered. It was decided that Remedios of the Mau Mau was ineligible to play in the Junior League as he had played in the Senior "B" league during most of last year.

With regard to the protest sent in by Dodgers' manager Dista in connection with the Dodgers v. Delawares game recently it was decided to ask for a report from the plate umpire, Chev Teol, and that his decision will be final.

A decision was taken to extend the stands to cope with the large crowds.

Meeting Postponed
The meeting of the HKFC football section arranged for 8 p.m. today has been postponed until Saturday, November 28, at the same place and time.

MARCIANO MAY GIVE EXHIBITION IN HONGKONG
Mr Billy Tingle is trying to arrange for Rocky Marciano, world champion, to appear in an exhibition bout in the course of Marciano's tour of the Orient.

Marciano is scheduled to appear in a four-round exhibition in Manila on December 1, and Mr Tingle is negotiating with the boxer's Manila agent to arrange a visit by Marciano to the Colony.

If these negotiations are successful and if the local authorities will permit the holding of an exhibition bout, Marciano, who will be accompanied by his own training party, will be seen in action here.

TOMMY ATKINS'

Army Sports Parade

My first paragraph this week goes to the Army soccer players. It must be a long time since four Army players were selected to represent the Colony in the same time, with a fifth in the reserve selection.

This season the Army team has tried to play direct constructive football and while the accent has been on good team work the individual talents of the players has not been dimmed.

The Colony selectors have acknowledged the team's efforts by picking Granger, Wells, Nash and Bennett for the game against Djurgarden on Wednesday, December 2, while left-half Longland gets a place in the reserves.

Army sportsmen in general will be pleased by the honours conferred, but the R.A. Dorset, R.A.S.C. and R.E.M.E. will be particularly satisfied with the selection of their players.

Bennett has a great chance to make the centre-forward berth his own for the rest of the season, for the Colony team is badly in need of a goading leader.

I was delighted to see that the big boxing show at the Southern Playground last night was such a success. The Army was strongly represented in the ring and in the marvellous side of the promotion which was in aid of the East Hong Fund.

It was a grand night at the ringside with clever boxing, hard hitting and fair ration of thrills. With all the talent that is available we really must have more shows of this class. I am sure that Army boxers will be keen to assist by taking part in good promotions.

Is this a record? In a minor cricket match the other day a fast bowler clean bowled an opponent with a lifting ball which took the middle and off stump high up and sent the batsman flying.

The wicketkeeper caught one ball and a slip fielder caught the other. The player who sent these particular balls was confirmed by other players—says that he has asked several keen cricketers if they have seen this happen before but so far he has failed to find one who has.

I would be glad to hear if any of our Army cricketers have come across this experience before. It is certainly a new one on me.

My recent suggestion that facilities should be given to star cyclist Todd-White to make an attack on the existing Colony records has been very warmly received from two very different sources. The first comes from San Wei where a Dorset cycling enthusiast wants to know why such facilities should be given to Todd-White and not to Fey, his record conqueror. The answer to that, I believe, is simple. No one would seriously suggest that the records should be cleared to give one man a chance to attack a record, primarily because such conditions would not produce the all-out effort from the cyclist. There would have to be intense competition and that could only be provided by several riders attacking the attempt simultaneously.

If it turned out under these circumstances that someone bettered Todd-White in time and performance, and at the same time set up a new record, then I would be the first to acclaim him and I am just as sure that he would get the heartiest of congratulations from the Welsh Regiment's clever wheeler.

The second comment came from a civilian sportsman who applauds the idea and says that the various cycling organizations should give it immediate consideration in order that record breaking attempts could be staged on a grand scale with service and civilian riders competing against each other. The writer says that if the scheme is pursued he will approach other sportsmen to donate suitable trophies for successful competitors.

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was outplayed in all the finer points of the game. In spite of the fact that they had no games at the week-end, the Army "A" and "B" cricket teams are still away out in front of all opposition in their respective Leagues.

I have another interesting item of golf news this week. On Wednesday, December 2, there will be Chairman's Team vs. Secretary's Team match that will be played under a sort of "no-foul rule".

The first team will be led by Lt-Col. Cary and comprises players from the New Territories, while Major Elrick's Secretary's team will be drawn from players who are stationed in Hongkong and Kowloon. The respective team captains have already approached players directly and a close game is expected.

When I asked what the No-foul rule meant I was informed that this really comes under the heading of "fines" or "Gimmie-ship" and means that such little diversions as coughing, talking or whispering, moving about or, if the chance arises, unobtrusively pushing an opponent's ball into a bad lie will not meet with the usual strong rebuke.

Looks like a good time is going to be had by all. Although there were no League fixtures at the week-end, Army cricketers were not all idle. Playing at Soekunpo in a friendly game on Saturday afternoon, Capt. Pierce took nine RASC wickets for a total of 34 runs.

He might have made it a clean sweep but one inconsiderate batsman got himself run out. Incidentally, star bowler Dowling playing in the same match, had to be content with the humble figures of 2 for 32.

On Sunday, 72 LAA tackled a K.C.C. II at Kowloon and in an exciting match they lost by one wicket after knocking up 89 runs in first innings of the wicket. This was most enjoyable game with plenty of action to keep everyone happy.

Here in response to requests is the up-to-date placing in the Minor Units League Zone 1. (up to and including games played on 18th Nov.)

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THE "BOBO" OLSON STORY

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...But How Long Will He Last?

By HAROLD MAYES

Nobody reigns for long in the middleweight division. It seems that the young dreadnoughts of the 11st. Gb. class, who are always expected to go into action with gloves packed with depth-charges, have, generally speaking, a short life but a very merry one while they're at the top.

In the last five years, for example, there have been no fewer than seven middleweight kings, and I have seen six of them in action. That seems a lot, I know, but cast your eye over the list and you will realise that since the war, this particular world title has been just about as settled as the weather.

When hostilities ceased—the kind where they throw bombs instead of punches—Tony Zale, a young man from Gary, Indiana, the only place in the world where you can anaesthetise yourself for nothing by inhaling the fumes from the hundreds of petrol refineries, ruled the roost.

He gave way to a tempestuous young man of Italian descent from New York—Louis-headed, bull-nose-gale, Rocky Graziano. Tony won back the crown, then lost it to that tough Algerian, Marcel Cerdan.

Next came the "Bronx Bull," another New Yorker of Italian origin, Jake LaMotta, who, based on the taunts to Sugar Ray Robinson. The great one lost it to Randy Turpin, and re-won it, before giving up the crown for which Turpin and Carl Bobo Olson fought in Madison Square Garden, three weeks ago.

Which obviously prompts the question, "How long will this on-top, hairy, chested Hawaiian from San Francisco be able to steer a confident course through the turbulent middleweight seas?"

EASY WIN, BUT— Without understanding the amazing durability and staying power of the ceaseless-punching Olson, I am forced to the conclusion that the odds are against him nearing those words from the announcer which must be the sweetest of all—the prize-fighter. The winner, and still champion of the world...

I am not detracting in the slightest from the merit of Bobo's winning performance. He took everything Turpin had left and licked him by a street. The emphasis there of course, is on the words "had left," for I still insist that if the man we formerly knew as the Lemington Licker had been able to go six rounds at the pace he went for two he would at this moment, hold the ring's second most valuable title instead of being a disillusioned young man on the outside looking in.

Olson most certainly would not have beaten the Turpin who whipped Robinson two and a half years ago. But the fact that Turpin was not in that condition was not alone due to those domestic troubles of which we have heard so much—too much, in fact.

The plain, simple truth is that no fighter who ever fought Robinson was just as good again, a point which I continually made when others were trying to find reasons for Turpin's so obvious decline—in the period between his second and third bids for the world crown.

GREAT PUNCHER LaMotta, as his nickname implied, was an infinitely

tougher proposition for Robinson than was Turpin, with a record studded with knockout victories. But after he passed up the little to Sugar Ray he landed a dreamlike punch on a rival. That speaks for itself.

LaMotta won the title when Cerdan, the dynamic fighter with an explosive charge in each gloved fist, injured his shoulder and couldn't continue. Most people think there's any doubt that the people closest to Olson will do all they can to steer their champion away from Pompee for as long as possible. For my money, that makes them the good judges. I know them to be.

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But they didn't like him because he wasn't able to apply the coup de grace to a Turpin who would have been taken to the cleaners by any one of the other post-war middleweight kings. I have named—men who could punch hard enough to make sure referees and judges didn't have to count out once a rival was set for the kill.

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SOCCER ON THE INSIDE

Arstana are likely to figure prominently in the transfer news shortly. But don't expect any high-priced stars to make the Highbury journey. This time Arsenal will be on the selling end.

They have some top-class players who can expect little more than a career in the reserves, and manager Tom Whittaker will not stand in their way if they want to better themselves.

Half backs are a case in point. With the arrival of Bill Dickson, Arsenal now have three international wing halves. With one spare all the time it leaves few opportunities for reserves Arthur Shaw and Dave Bowen. Both are worth a place in the First Division. Indeed, last season Bowen was reserve to the Welsh international side.

POLICY IS PAYING Cliff Britton is now one of the highest paid managers in the country. He has shown their confidence by giving him another five-year contract and a rise.

Britton's policy of producing local players is paying. "Gates" this year are up 10,000 each week on last year's figures.

Leeds United are finding that it pays to have a bit of personality in a club—if not in the League team.

Leeds are drawing bigger crowds for their floodlight friendly than they are getting for Second Division matches. The reason is that they can play Ralph Carter, their manager, in evening games, although he is not registered for League fixtures.

His name also counts in the North-East. When Leeds were seeking defensive recruits recently they approached Bobby Dawson, 18-year-old South Shields full-back. His agent had joined Manchester City for whom he played as an amateur, but he preferred to learn under the Carter regime at Elland Road.

Happy faces in the Newcastle boardroom as the directors watch an indicator totalling up the attendance figures.

An electronic counting machine shows that at the peak period fans enter St James's Park at the rate of 1,000 every 55 seconds.

INTO THE BARGAIN Manager of a Third Division (South) club was discussing Don Welsh, manager of Liverpool.

Shek-O Golf Club v. American Club On Saturday.

The annual match between the Shek-O Golf Club and the American Club will take place at Shek-O next Saturday—(November 28). It is hoped that those who can will meet at the Clubhouse for tiffin, which will be served at 1 p.m.

The starting times should be strictly adhered to in order to avoid inconvenience to members who are not participating, taking into account the short afternoons at this time of the year.

The match will be on "Green-some" lines, all drive and thereafter the better ball played alternately three-eighths of the combined handicaps to be computed. The scoring will be one point for a win and one-quarter for the bye.

STARTING TIMES Starting times with Shek-O pairs given first, will be:

2.00 R. D. Bell & F. G. Harrison v. D. L. Anderson & W. N. Gray

2.05 E. W. S. McGregor & A. Graham v. J. F. McCone & W. Van Alst.

2.10 W. R. Main & N. P. Fox v. J. S. Jeffers & G. T. Hardin.

2.15 E. Huttemeler & A. K. Murray v. J. M. Lyons & J. K. Holloway.

2.20 W. A. Hogarth & H. M. Howell v. W. Harper & P. C. Flynn.

2.25 E. Boycott & J. Mould v. S. Backe & R. L. McGowan.

2.30 J. B. Wilson & E. J. Cowell v. I. C. Hawkins & G. Zellensky.

2.35 P. R. E. Arnold & T. A. Martin v. F. X. Cleary & J. J. King.

2.40 P. H. Taggart & L. M. Lloyd v. R. T. Waters & J. F. Shoemaker.

2.45 R. P. Mould & C. J. D. Lewis v. J. G. Byington & R. E. Harper.

Individual handicaps will be found on the Starting List in the Clubhouse.

Ladies' Lawn Bowls Kowloon Cricket Club host to the United Services Recreation Club 22-12 in a Ladies' lawn bowls league game played at the USRC yesterday.

Mrs. D. B. Baker, Mrs. M. Hong Sing, Mrs. J. A. Tibble and Mrs. D. Goodwin (KCC) 12; Mrs. J. Steven, Mrs. B. Agnew, Mrs. M. Hetherington and Mrs. E. Edwards, 22.

with one of his directors. "A good man," said the director. "I see he does Commando training along with his team. That shows his enthusiasm."

Then, eyeing his own manager, he continued: "Why don't you do a bit of Commando training with the lads?"

"Listen," replied the manager. "If you pay me Don Welsh's salary I'll do Commando training and give an exhibition before each game into the bargain."

A ten-year-old boy stopped Ray Lawrence, the Newport County trainer, in the street and said: "Here's half-a-crown towards your club's appeal."

The trainer didn't like to hurt the boy's feelings by refusing the money, so he told him: "Thanks, son. Come to the ground in four years' time, and we'll give you a trial."

Latest figures for the appeal fund: £1,817.

Walter Manning, of Burton-on-Trent, just back after three years of refereeing in Chile, thinks that Brazil—"The best footballing country in South America"—would beat England.

When "Spurs meet Wolves at White Hart Lane on December 5 there will be a pursuit in the middle and another on the line. Referee will be the Rev. S. V. Davis, Cheltenham Methodist minister. One of his line-men will be the Rev. L. Beaman, a Church of England clergyman. (London Express Service)

FA Cup Draw For Second Round

London, Nov. 24. The draw for the second round of the F.A. Cup today resulted as follows:

Peterborough v. Aldershot, Southend v. Chesterfield, Wigan v. Exeter City or Hereford.

Southport v. Port Vale, Burnley v. Southampton or Bournemouth.

Accrington v. Tranmere, Halifax or Rhyl v. Bristol City.

Wilton Albion v. Grimsby, Leyton Orient v. Weymouth, Northampton v. Hartlepool or Mansfield.

Queen's P. R. v. Nuneaton, Stockport v. Warrington, Norwich v. Barnsley, Millwall v. Headingdon, Hastings v. Swindon, Wrexham v. Brighton, Walsall v. Crewe or Bradford City.

Ipswich v. Walthamstow Avenue.

Cambridge United or Newport v. Bradford.

Barrow v. Great Yarmouth. Ties to be played on Saturday, December 12, with replays on or before the following Thursday, December 17.—Reuter.

WEEK-END HOCKEY

The following are hockey League matches to be played on Saturday, December 5, and Sunday, December 6:

December 5
Ladies' Division
Victoria v. K.G.V. B, Recolet
A v. Dorians, K.G.V. A v. University, Grenada v. S.H.C.C., Recolet
B v. D.G.S.

December 6
Men's First Division
R.A.F. v. Recolet A, M.C.A. v. Thunderbolt A, A v. University, Grenada v. S.H.C.C., Recolet
B v. D.G.S.

December 6
Men's Second Division
Sookunpo v. N.A.V. Bharat, St. Joseph's v. Aces, H.K.C.C. v. H.K.A.A.F., Police v. Recolet B.

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The United States Vice President, Richard Nixon, accompanied by his wife and party, arrived this afternoon for a three-day visit as the guest of the Burmese government.

He was welcomed at the airport by the Burmese Foreign Minister, Sao Hkun Hla; and the United States Ambassador, Mr. William J. Sebald.

Inspecting a Burmese guard of honour, Mr Nixon was greeted by a 10-gun salute.

Mr Nixon and his wife were presented with bouquets by two winners of a beauty contest, "Miss Rangoon" and "Miss University", who wore colourful Burmese dresses and headgear.

Mr Nixon told journalists that he wanted to make it clear that the purpose of his visit to Burma was not to sell anything, or to bring pressure of any kind to bear upon the government of Burma. The primary purpose was to discuss with Burmese officials problems of mutual interest.

Mr Nixon added: "All we are interested in is to maintain friendly relations with Burma, and to preserve the independence of both countries."

The Burmese President will present Mr Nixon with the carved ivory statues for President Eisenhower, while Mr Nixon and his wife will be presented with ancient Burmese court costumes.—France-Press.

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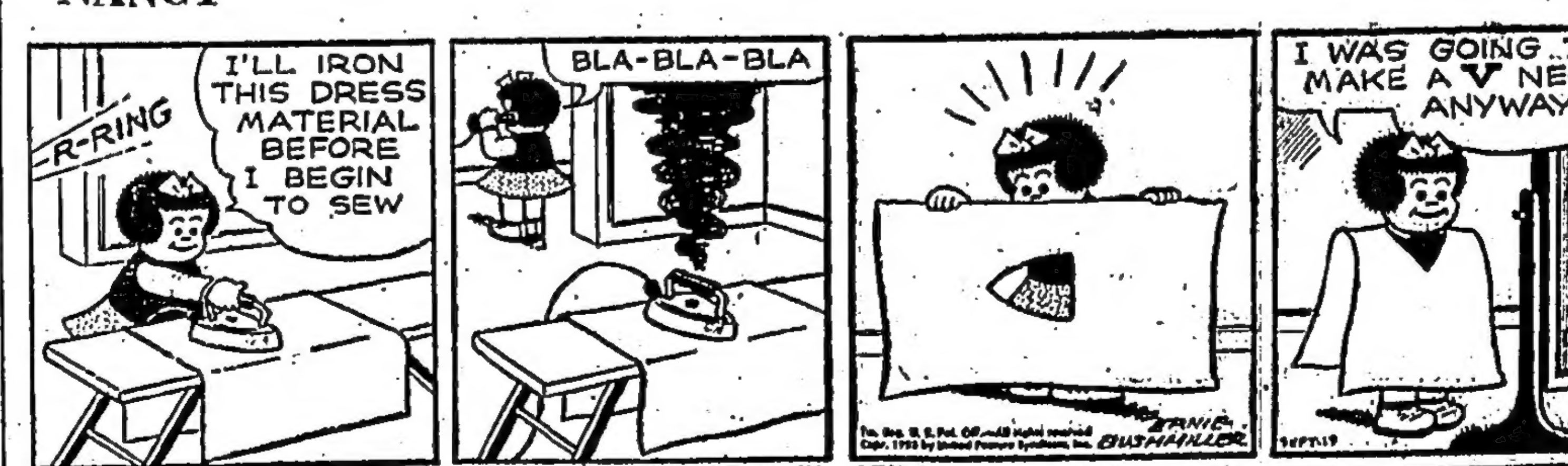
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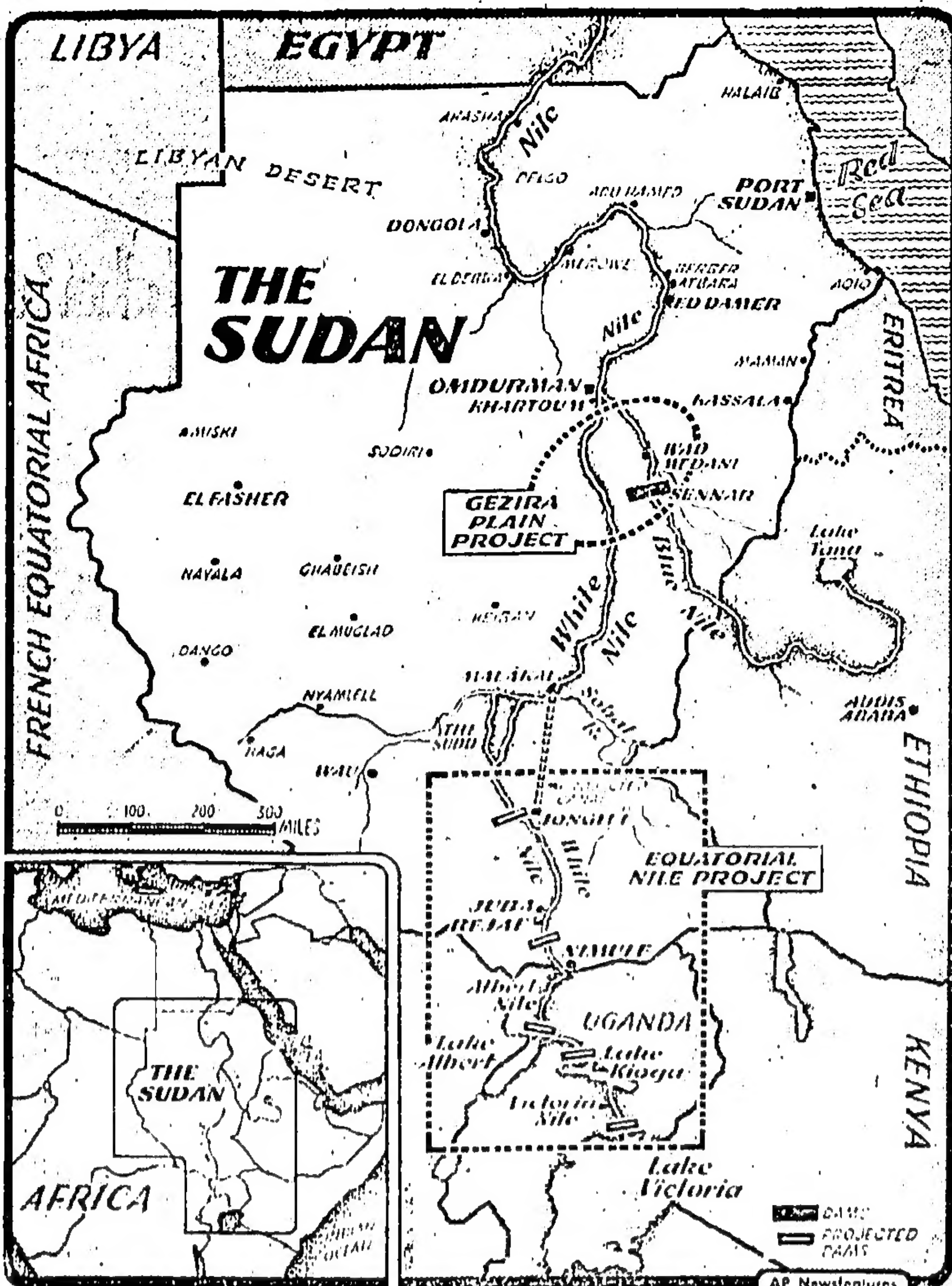
Macao, 6 p.m.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26

By Air

India, Ceylon, 9 a.m.

Thailand, Burma, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain and Europe, 10 a.m.



The Sudan Takes First Steps Toward Freedom

By EDWARD POLIAK

Associated Press Foreign Correspondent

Cairo.

The Sudan is taking its first steps toward self-government. For the rest of this month and part of next, the Sudanese will be voting for their first real Parliament with power to override a veto by the governor-general.

Many illiterate tribesmen are voting for the first time. Their ballots are recorded by acclamation or by paper tokens marked with party symbols.

These "backward" areas are choosing an electoral college to name their delegates to the 97-member House. The "more advanced" areas, where people can read and write, elect their representatives directly.

Following the House elections, there will be voting for a 30-member Senate. Only public office holders and those who can read and write will vote for the Senate.

In addition, 20 other senators will be appointed by the British Governor-General Sir Robert Howe.

These elections stem from an Anglo-Egyptian agreement last Feb. 12 which provides for the Sudan to attain full self-determination by 1955. The agreement provides that after three years of self-government by Parliament, the Sudanese may choose either full independence as a state or affiliation with neighboring Egypt.

When time for that decision comes, Parliament is to call for election of a constituent assembly to make the choice.

For years, Egypt and Britain have been locked in a political and diplomatic battle, marked by outbreaks of bloody violence over this million square mile territory of the upper Nile.

LAND OF CONTRASTS

But now, with the solution at hand, with the recent Anglo-Egyptian agreement, attention is shifting to other aspects of this land in the heart of Africa.

The Sudan, in geography, climate, population and other characteristics, is a land of contrasts.

Within its boundaries are barren desert and teeming tropical jungles. It has mountains and plains, region swept by the terrible "khamsin" desert wind, and tropical regions showered by seasonal rainfalls.

Through the whole length of the Sudan flows the Nile, the big romantic river the ancients worshipped as a god. Out of Lakes Victoria and Albert, the river winds northward. It is the White Nile, joined at Khartoum by the Blue Nile, which rises in the mountains of Ethiopia.

The Sudan population is over 8,000,000. Around 5,000,000 live in central and northern Sudan. They are mostly Moslems of Arab culture with strong ties to the neighboring southern provinces of Egypt.

In the south there are around 3,000,000 tribesmen, mostly primitive.

Egyptians in the past claimed Britain gave the Sudan just enough progress to keep their colonial grip on the country.

The British counter with reports on economic and agricultural projects started in the Sudan.

Cotton cultivation is being developed in the Gezira plan. It combines the principles of state partnership and private enterprise. The British claim it is one of the largest agricultural undertakings in the world outside Russia.

The Gezira plan was begun in 1925. Under it the great plain south of Khartoum is irrigated from the Semhar Dam on the Blue Nile. One million acres of Gezira are being cultivated by tenants most of whom are local land owners. The tenants are responsible for production of cotton delivered to local collecting stations. In return the authority, the Sudan Gezira Board, supplies the water.

Profits declared in 1950-51 were 43,000,000 Egyptian pounds.

OTHER PROJECTS

Other projects in the blueprint stage or underway in the south include:

1.—The equatorial Nile project — part of a comprehensive plan for control of the upper Nile. Other parts include a reservoir near Lake Tana and one or more in the Nile itself.

2.—A regulator near Masindi Port.

3.—A storage reservoir in Lake Albert controlled by a dam.

4.—One or more balancing reservoirs controlled by dams between Nimule and Rajaf.

5.—The Jonglei Canal, controlled by a regular dam across the river. —Associated Press.

Beamed Television Warning

London, Nov. 24.

Sponsored television programmes might be beamed into Britain from abroad within a few years while the British Government argue over the introduction of commercial television, Sir Robert Renwick, President of the Television Society, said today.

It was possible for a ring of commercial stations to be set up on the other side of the channel for broadcasting to Britain. What would the British Government do then? he asked. Sir Robert Renwick said: "Because in the long run this is a scientific country, nothing newsworthy will occur as legislation against foreign commercial reception. Long before some of the technological opponents of progress and good sense reach their 80th birthday, British commercial television will be in full swing to the detriment of none and to the delight of millions."

Earlier he listed the names of supporters of the motion to be debated in the House of Lords tomorrow criticising the Government proposals for commercial television.

They are Viscount Simon (80), Lord Jowitt (80), Lord Brind (75), Lord Halifax (72), Lord Waverley (71), Lord Samuel (83) and Lord Reth (64)—average 73.2, said Sir Robert. —China Mail Special.

Heidelberg, Nov. 25. United States military staffs in Europe have ordered the traditional feast of turkey — more than a pound per person — and all the trimmings for tomorrow, Thanksgiving Day.

The Army Quartermaster Corps said troops mess halls were serving a menu including fresh shrimp cocktail; roast turkey; cornbread dressing; giblet gravy; buttered, fresh peas; lettuce and tomato salad; hot rolls; fruit cake; pumpkin pie, assorted candy and mixed nuts. —China Mail Special.

The Real Test On Spending Power Has Yet To Come

By SYDNEY S. GAMPPELL

London, Nov. 24.

There is some question whether markets have adequately discounted some recent developments. It remains to be seen, for example, whether it was wholly because of abnormally mild weather that October was the first month this year, and one of the very few months in any years, to have lower US oil consumption than in the corresponding year — earlier month; and whether mild weather is also a sufficient explanation for the lack of seasonal business in carpets, furnishings, textiles and footwear. None of these lines has been doing much good in the US lately. Wall Street doesn't care. It put rayon shares up on the boost in some rayon yarn prices, though the rayon weavers regard the advances as little more than a stunt, designed to give a psychological lift to the worst market position since early last year, with demand so bad that at least one of the leading rayon producers is concentrating its output into its most efficient plants.

There is also a question whether people may not have over-rated static historical comparisons, which are good, and paid too little attention to the more up-to-date trends which are less good. For the calendar year 1953 almost every index of US business will come out higher than for the calendar year 1952. But the dynamic comparison is that 1953 ended with the indexes high and rising, while 1952 is ending with them lower, and falling.

At the moment, most of the 1953 curves are just about crossing the 1952 curves, but on the down instead of on the up. Unencouragingly for the non-dollar countries, this may also be the case for the imports. Their 1953 total will be higher than 1952, but the biggest gain was in the second quarter. In the third quarter the gain was smaller, despite some bunching of September imports to forestall the New York dock strike. This quarter the New York figures of letters of credit indicate that the gain will decrease further, or perhaps disappear.

In one week this month the seasonal rise in business loans of New York City banks was \$7 million, against \$102 million a year ago in the same week. It has been \$32 million, against \$309 million a year ago. The liquidity of business which obviates the need for bank borrowing may be more auspicious for Wall Street than for physical business, inventory piled out by the heavy US to weeks ago. Inventories were still rising though involuntarily; in September they rose by an unwanted \$600 million because sales fell by \$700 million. Since the end of September industry seems to have got liquid by slashing inventories, by cutting output if necessary.

SEASONAL PATTERNS

Seasonal patterns of business loans are thought to have been locked out by the heavy US to weeks ago. Inventories were still rising though involuntarily; in September they rose by an unwanted \$600 million because sales fell by \$700 million. Since the end of September industry seems to have got liquid by slashing inventories, by cutting output if necessary.

Regardless of tax rates and of budget position for the year as a whole, July-December is the inflationary half-year of budget deficit, and January-June is the deflationary half-year of budget surplus. It has been suggested that this present half-year is the difficult one, and that January-June will be brighter, because cuts in defence outlays have been cutting spending power while the tax cuts to put it back again are still to come. But now comes the Pentagon's Budget Director to say that defence outlays are still rising but will begin to turn down in December. He emphasises that the downturn will be very gradual. "Just like starting down the other side of a hill," his boss, Defence Secretary Wilson, asserts, that no drastic changes in defence outlays are being planned, and flatly denies rumours that they will be cut to such a point as will adversely affect business.

AN ANALYSIS Nevertheless, this puts a very different complexion on the present situation and on the prospects. Starting down a hill is certainly gradual, but going further down it might not be. During this half-year defence outlays have evidently been rising; if the crest comes in December, that might be the highest average month. During the first half of next year they are due to fall progressively; some observers think that by next June the fall may have reached \$7 billion a year.

Secretary Wilson refused to comment on this figure, but all indications are that the rate of defence spending will have fallen by some billions by next June. Simultaneously, regardless of tax rates, business will be making vastly bigger tax payments. In this half-year it has been paying only 20 per cent of its 1953 taxes; in January-June it has to pay 90 per cent of its 1954 taxes which are bigger. That might mean pressure on both inventories and spending power.

On this analysis, the real test has not yet been taken but is still to come in the first half of next year. —Reuter.

HONGKONG SHARE MARKET

(From Our Correspondent)

Business transacted on the HK Stock Exchange this morning was valued at \$114,440.10. The noon quotations in an active market were:

SHARES BUYERS SELLERS SALES

BANKS
JHC Bank ... 1520 1530
East Asia ... 300 @ 175

INSURANCES
Union ... 847 1/2
Underwriters ... 1000 @ 6 1/2

SHIPPING
Waterboat ... 20

DOCKS, ETC.
Dock ... 12 1/2 12 7/8 1100 @ 12 7/8
Wharves ... 8 5/8 8 5/8 3000 @ 8 5/8
Wheeler ... 1100 @ 8 5/8

LAND, ETC.
JHC Hotel ... 8 1/2 8 1/2 1100 @ 8 1/2
HK Land ... 73 74 200 @ 73 1/2

Other Land
JHC Land ... 1 1/2
JHC Land ... 300 @ 73 1/2

Realty ... 2 1/2 3000 @ 2 1/2

UTILITIES
Trans ... 26 20 250 @ 26 1/2
Star ... 14 1/2 250 @ 14 1/2
C. Light (O) ... 14 1/2 250 @ 14 1/2
C. Light (N) ... 10 1/2 10 1/2 1000 @ 10 1/2

Electric ... 28 1/2 1302 @ 28 1/2
Macao Elec ... 10 1/2 1200 @ 10 1/2

INDUSTRIALS
Cement ... 15 1/2 15 1/2 1500 @ 15 1/2
Steel ... 15 1/2 15 1/2 1500 @ 15 1/2

STORES, ETC.
Watson ... 23 1/2 23 1/2 500 @ 23 1/2
Crawford ... 21 1/2 21 1/2 500 @ 21 1/2

COTTONS
State ... 2 1/2 2 1/2 500 @ 2 1/2
Textile Corp. ... 6 1/2 6 1/2 3000 @ 6 1/2

MISCELLANEOUS
Yangtze ... 6 1/2 500 @ 6 1/2

—United Press.

New York Rubber Market

New York, Nov. 24.

The rubber market closed today 27-37 points higher with sales of 42 contracts. The market's buoyancy, dealers explained, directly reflected the higher trend at London.

The market was ruled quiet and firm with No. 1 RSS quoted up to 21 cents a pound. Closings:

Dec. ... 21 1/2
Jan. ... 21 1/2
Feb. ... 21 1/2
Mar. ... 21 1/2
Apr. ... 21 1/2
May ... 21 1/2
Jun. ... 21 1/2
Jul. ... 21 1/2
Aug. ... 21 1/2
Sep. ... 21 1/2
Oct. ... 21 1/2
Nov. ... 21 1/2
Dec. ... 21 1/2

—United Press.

Exchange Rates
Business was done in the local unofficial exchange market this morning at the following rates:

US dollar (per \$1) ... 8 1/2
Sterling (per £1) ... 10 1/2
Indonesian (per 100) ... 27 1/2
Singapore (per 100) ... 1 1/2
Indo-China (per 100) ... 7 1/2

HK The Main Supplier

London, Nov. 20.

Figures given to the House of Commons today by Mr. Peter Thorneycroft, the President of the Board of Trade, show that virtually all the umbrellas and sunshades imported into the United Kingdom are from Hongkong.

In the seven months from March to September this year, the UK imported 10,446 dozen umbrellas and sunshades from Hongkong, valued at £16,995, against only 12 dozen, valued at £414, from all other countries.

United Kingdom exports of umbrellas during the same period were 19,352 dozen, valued at £170,244.

Mr. Thorneycroft gave these figures in answer to a question put to him by Mr. R. W. Sorensen (Socialist).

An umbrella manufacturer in Mr. Sorensen's East London constituency has complained about competition from imported Hongkong umbrellas. — Our Own Correspondent.

Electric Shares Rise On Wall St

New York, Nov. 24.

Investment demand for "blue chip" sent those stocks up sharply in accelerated trading late today climaxing a routine session.

Buying appeared in General Electric just before the close sending that issue up three points to \$85 1/4, its best level since October 19. Westinghouse followed suit rising 2 1/2 points to a new high for the year at \$50 1/4. Both were among the day's 15 most active stocks.

Wall Street attributed the strength to the extremely favourable outlook for the industry. Large short-interest built up in both stocks helped accelerated the advance, brokers said.

Volume for the session amounted to only 1,470,000 shares.

Of the 1,144 issues appearing on the tape, 468 were higher, 395 lower and 281 unchanged. There were 21 new highs and 30 new lows.

Tobacco stocks softened a bit following publication of a Wall Street Journal report indicating that perhaps a fear that smoking may be harmful to health is cutting into cigarette sales. Volume is running slightly behind 1952—the first noteworthy dip in more than 20 years.

Liggett and Myers and Reynolds Tobacco "B" both were down around a point to new lows for the year early in the day. They closed fractionally lower. Philip Morris was off 3/4 point.

Steel shares showed small improvement.

The New York Stock Exchange bond volume was at \$2,810,000. The American Stock Exchange volume was at 330,000 shares.

Dow Jones closing averages were:

30 Industrials ... 277.33
20 Rails ... 66.30
10 Autos ... 107.14
10 Bonds ... 102.03
40 Stocks ... 102.03
Comm. future price index ... 102.03
(0.35 off)

—United Press.

Chicago Grain Prices

Chicago, Nov. 24.

Prices per bushel in cents:

Wheat No. 2, red
Spot ... 108 1/2
Dec. ... 108 1/2
Jan. ... 108 1/2
Feb. ... 108 1/2
Mar. ... 108 1/2
Apr. ... 108 1/2
May ... 108 1/2
Jun. ... 108 1/2
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Nov. ... 108 1/2
Dec. ... 108 1/2

Corn, No. 2, yellow
Spot ... 158 1/2
Dec. ... 158 1/2
Jan. ... 158 1/2
Feb. ... 158 1/2
Mar. ... 158 1/2
Apr. ... 158 1/2
May ... 158 1/2
Jun. ... 158 1/2
Jul. ... 158 1/2
Aug. ... 158 1/2
Sep. ... 158 1/2
Oct. ... 158 1/2
Nov. ... 158 1/2
Dec. ... 158 1/2

Oats
Spot ... 70 1/2
Dec. ... 70 1/2
Jan. ... 70 1/2
Feb. ... 70 1/2
Mar. ... 70 1/2
Apr. ... 70 1/2
May ... 70 1/2
Jun. ... 70 1/2
Jul. ... 70 1/2
Aug. ... 70 1/2
Sep. ... 70 1/2
Oct. ... 70 1/2
Nov. ... 70 1/2
Dec. ... 70 1/2

Soybeans, No. 2, yellow
Spot ... 20 1/2
Dec. ... 20 1/2
Jan. ... 20 1/2
Feb. ... 20 1/2
Mar. ... 20 1/2
Apr. ... 20 1/2
May ... 20 1/2
Jun. ... 20 1/2
Jul. ... 20 1/2
Aug. ... 20 1/2
Sep. ... 20 1/2
Oct. ... 20 1/2
Nov. ... 20 1/2
Dec. ... 20 1/2

New York, Nov. 24, 1953. 100 lb. sack, \$14.10. —United Press.

Pakistan's Textile Deal With Japan

Karachi, Nov. 24.

Pakistan's Textile Commissioner, Mr. M. A. Khan, said today that Pakistan intends to fulfil its trade agreement with Japan.

The Commissioner was answering traders' criticisms of the Government's announced plan to import Rs 40,000,000 of cotton textiles from Japan and other sterling area countries on Government account.

He said that the Government had come to the decision as a temporary measure to meet the short shortage emergency in Pakistan.

Government decided to act directly the shortage was felt to enable faster receipt and distribution of stocks in the country and also to prevent speculation.

The Government was trying to ensure that the consumer got cloth at a reasonable price.

Mr. Khan said that the "bulk" of the Rs40,000,000 purchase would come from Japan and denied that the decision to import direct was connected with Pakistan's fulfilment of the Japan-Pakistan agreement while admitting that it effectively contributed in this direction.

"We have an agreement with Japan and we intend to fulfil it," he said.

The Commissioner said that the Government cloth purchase would be made through exporting representatives in Karachi, indicating that some purchases already had been made but he refused to disclose the amount pending finalisation of negotiations for the purchases.

He had hopes of complete delivery of the full amount within three months. The expected total is between 60,000,000 to 70,000,000 yards.

He said that there would be further imports of cotton textiles in addition to the Rs40,000,000 purchase but he declined to say what the amount and the shipping period is. —United Press.

Addressing Raleigh representatives from all over the world at a cycle show in London, Sir Harold spoke for the increasing efficiency of Japanese industry.

He recalled how, in 1935, he had bought "a beautiful Japanese bicycle for 30s. But when it was tested and analysed at a Raleigh factory was found to be rubbish."

"Today," Sir Harold continued, "Japan's quality of workmanship is improving and we must consider her in the near future as a competitor of considerable strength."

But though it is concerned at the growth of foreign competition the British bicycle industry has cause to congratulate itself on its successful invasion of the American market.

Before the war American bought between 3,000 and 4,000 British machines a year. But sales have expanded enormously since then.

The number of British bicycles exported to America rose from 13,000 in 1948 to 185,000 in 1952. And this year a further expansion of exports to 350,000 machines is expected.

But in other parts of the world, bicycle sales have slumped. Exports in the first nine months of this year were down by a third on the figure for the same period last year. As a result the industry has had to curtail production to three million machines a year. In 1951 it was producing four million. —Our Own Correspondent.

New York Cotton Market

New York, Nov. 24.

Prices of cotton futures today closed as follows:

Spot ... 32.85 nominal
Dec. ... 32.85
Jan. ... 32.85
Feb. ... 32.85
Mar. ... 32.85
Apr. ... 32.85
May ... 32.85
Jun. ... 32.85
Jul. ... 32.85
Aug. ... 32.85
Sep. ... 32.85
Oct. ... 32.85
Nov. ... 32.85
Dec. ... 32.85

NEW ORLEANS PRICES
New Orleans, Nov. 24.

Prices of cotton futures today closed as follows:

Spot ... 32.70 nominal
Dec. ... 32.70
Jan. ... 32.70
Feb. ... 32.70
Mar. ... 32.70
Apr. ... 32.70
May ... 32.70
Jun. ... 32.70
Jul. ... 32.70
Aug. ... 32.70
Sep. ... 32.70
Oct. ... 32.70
Nov. ... 32.70
Dec. ... 32.70

Singapore Rubber
Singapore, Nov. 24.

The market steadied up after lower opening to above yesterday's closing. There were good buying and factory buying.

Prices:

No. 1 rubber per lb. Dec. 58 1/2-59
No. 2 rubber per lb. Dec. 57 1/2-58
No. 3 rubber per lb. Dec. 56 1/2-57
No. 4 rubber per lb. Dec. 55 1/2-56
Spot rubber unbleached ... 58 1/2-59
No. 1 pale crepe ... 58 1/2-59
Blanket crepe ... 58 1/2-59

—United Press.

LEAD AND ZINC

Prices of other metals closed as follows today: (in sterling per long ton.)

Lead spot ... 230
Lead 3-month ... 227 1/2
Lead 6-month ... 225 1/2
Zinc spot ... 114 1/2
Zinc 3-month ... 114 1/2
Zinc 6-month ... 114 1/2

—United Press.

Large New Copper Mine To Be Worked

London, Nov. 24.

Britain's African copper production will be boosted by 18,000,000 lbs. a year by the opening of a new copper mine in Uganda under a financial agreement announced between a Canadian mining firm, the British Colonial Development Corporation and Uganda Development Corporation.

The new source of copper will come from the Kileleshwa mine in the western province of Uganda near the border with Belgian Congo.

Total expenditure to bring the mine into full production by 1958 will be £6,500,000. Messrs. Frohisher, Limited, the Canadian mining firm, and a subsidiary of Ventures Limited, has already spent £2,000,000 and the Colonial Development Corporation and the Uganda Development Corporation are each contributing £2,500,000.

Under the present plans the Kileleshwa mine will produce 40,000 tons of ore a month from which will be produced copper concentrate and cobalt pyrite.

The cobalt concentrate will be processed at Kileleshwa and cobalt oxide shipped overseas for refining and the production of metallic cobalt.

The mine will be served by a new railway being built from Kampala, the capital, to Kasese. Power for the Jinja smelter will be provided by the new £22,000,000 hydro-electric scheme at Owen Falls.

Under an agreement the Kileleshwa mine will be linked with the big Macalder-Nyanza mine in Kenya and copper products from the Kenya mine will be treated in the Jinja smelter under a long-term contract. —United Press.

